

Fear in NUM of new pit strike storm

Staggering mandate for action, says Scargill

By Roland Rudd

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, was last night claiming his greatest victory when he announced that 77.5 per cent of the National Union of Mineworkers had voted for taking industrial action against British Coal's new disciplinary code.

But other miners' leaders were concerned that Mr Scargill will use the vote to start another bout of damaging strike action as well as an overtime ban.

Mr Scargill said in Sheffield he was "staggered" by the result which was a "clear mandate to take action" and urged British Coal immediately to withdraw the code to prevent "anarchy".

But Mr Des Dufield, president of South Wales miners, said it would be unwise to talk of strike action while British Coal was willing to enter into negotiations.

The management has referred the disputed code to Aca, the conciliation service, after promising to alter any aspects which the service finds "unfair or unreasonable".

South Wales miners fear that Mr Scargill will interpret the vote - for the first time

A total of 66,837 miners voted - 60 per cent of the membership - with 51,683 in favour of action and 14,980 against.

Last night, Sir Robert Haslam, British Coal chairman, was adamant that it would not withdraw the code.

Mr Kevan Hunt, British Coal's head of industrial relations, said the ballot result could not have any "significance or validity" since the "code of conduct has been grossly misrepresented on the NUM's ballot paper".

Mr Hunt contrasted the response of the NUM to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, which he claimed had "noted the code as a matter for the employer".

Mr Scargill appealed to British Coal to reinstate the two dismissed NUM officials, Mr Ted Scott from Yorkshire and Mr Paul Weston from Nottinghamshire. They were dismissed for "industrial misconduct".

Moderate members on Yorkshire's executive predicted a repeat of the recent Frickley strike, where flying pickets brought the area to a virtual stoppage, if Mr Scott was not reinstated.

Mr Scargill said he wanted to take the "course of action which would result in the least damage to our members" but he warned British Coal that there were four points the union would not budge on.

Those were: the right of union members to be represented by the person of their choice in a disciplinary hearing; a 14-day timeline on all hearings; an independent umpire to judge deadlocked disputes, whose decision should be binding on both sides and a working party set up to rid the code of anomalies.

The union will be giving British Coal a fortnight to consider withdrawing the code before the NUM executive meets in Blackpool on September 6, on the eve of the TUC conference, to decide what form of industrial action to take.

The ballot result immediately sparked the first new action when miners at Hatfield Colliery in South Yorkshire, already threatened with closure, imposed an overtime ban.

The key element in the interpretation of the ballot result is over the ambiguous wording of the ballot paper which asked members to vote in favour of "various forms of industrial action" without specifying what the action would entail.

Row over gas board nominee

British Gas shareholders jammed the head office switchboard yesterday after receiving a letter from Sir Denis Rooke, the chairman, opposing a bid to put a representative of a group of industrial customers on the board of directors.

The letter, sent at a cost in postage of £700,000, said Sir Ian MacGregor, former chairman of British Steel and British Coal, had been nominated by a shareholder.

Sir Denis said in his letter that it was against the interests of most shareholders and customers for a director to be appointed "to look after the interests of one section of customers."

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Today's Degree Course Vacancies Service covers the creative arts, education, agriculture, mass communications and some humanities courses. Page 20

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How Sir Alf was sacked

The sacking of Sir Alf Ramsey, manager of England's World Cup winning side, split opinion within football. Ted Cocker, secretary of the Football Association, describes how the decision was made in the first of four extracts from his autobiography appearing in *The Times*. Page 30

Shares ahead

Share prices made a solid start to the week with the FT-SE 100 share index closing 19.3 points higher at 2,225.1. The pound also gained despite a fall in the crude oil price below \$18 a barrel. Page 17

Portfolio Gold

There is £8,000 to be won today in the Times Portfolio Gold competition - double the usual amount as there was no winner yesterday. ● Portfolio list, page 21.

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A princely role for Edward



Prince Edward has fallen in love with a shepherdess - but only in his latest stage role as Prince Florizel in Shakespeare's *A Winter's Tale*, to be performed at Haddo House near Aberdeen from Wednesday. The shepherdess is played by Hannah Welfare, aged 17, a granddaughter of Lady Aberdeen. She said yesterday: "To me it's no different from acting with anyone else. I think he is very good." The play is expected to be a sell-out.

Secret burial of Hess thwarts the neo-Nazis

From John England, Wunsiedel, Bavaria

Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy who committed suicide in Spandau jail, has been buried secretly by his family, thwarting expected demonstrations by neo-Nazis.

Herr Karl Walter, the Mayor of Wunsiedel, a small Bavarian town near the Czechoslovak border where Hess was expected to have been buried tomorrow, said yesterday: "It has already been done."

He read a brief statement which said that Herr Wieland Hess, the nephew of Rudolf Hess, had telephoned the authorities in Wunsiedel at 3.10pm local time to say that the burial had taken place at a secret location.

Herr Hess's message said: "It was the last will of Rudolf Hess that he should be buried in a dignified manner in the circle of his family at the cemetery in Wunsiedel. In view of developments there, upon which the family has no influence, we feel ourselves obliged to fulfill this wish of Rudolf Hess in the way that he wanted. He was buried quietly."

Herr Walter, who had called a press conference for 4pm local time at which he was expected to confirm that the burial would take place here tomorrow, was bombarded with questions after his shock announcement. But he insisted: "I have no information on where or when Rudolf Hess was buried. All I know is what is in the message I have read to you."

He said, however, that he did not believe that Hess had been cremated, and admitted that he was "not too unhappy" that the burial was not to be in the Wunsiedel cemetery where neo-Nazi demonstrators were expected to make trouble. More than 50 neo-Nazis were arrested at the cemetery on Saturday and police put a strong guard around it as well as setting up checkpoints on all roads into the town.

Herr Walter's announcement followed a statement by

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Dr Alfred Seidl, the Hess family lawyer, in Munich earlier yesterday that the burial would take place in Wunsiedel at 2pm local time tomorrow. He said that it would go ahead although Hess's son, Wolf-Rüdiger, who was reported to have suffered a stroke on Sunday night, was in the intensive care unit of a Munich clinic and would probably not be able to attend.

His statement is now seen as part of a well-planned family operation to foil the hundreds of journalists waiting in Wunsiedel for the burial as well as thousands of neo-Nazis whom it was feared would also converge on the town.

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Sex case children to testify at trial

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A High Court judge yesterday paved the way for four children to give evidence against their parents who are accused of persistently sexually abusing them.

Mr Justice Waterhouse, sitting in the family division, said that if the prosecution case against the parents was correct, the two boys and two girls, aged 11, 10, seven and six, had been "subjected to depraved conduct of an appalling kind for a long period of time."

In declaring that the children could give evidence at their parents' forthcoming Crown Court trial, the judge also laid down guidelines on the need for court proceedings for children who are wards of court to be involved in criminal investigations.

The ruling may have a bearing on any prosecutions brought against parents as a result of the Cleveland child abuse cases as the consent of a

High Court judge will be needed before a child who has been made a ward of court can take part.

The forthcoming trial itself is certain to put pressure on the Government to allow video-recordings of child evidence to be admissible.

Yesterday Mr Justice Waterhouse ruled that in the present case, in which the parents faced 22 charges of sexual abuse of their children, the court's permission was not necessary as the proceedings had been started before the children were made wards of court.

But he made clear that children who had been made wards of court could not be involved in criminal proceedings which began after they had been made wards without the court's consent. This would be necessary even for them to be interviewed by police, he said.

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Hong Kong court rejects ban on Spycatcher extracts

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Government was faced with further legal embarrassment over the *Spycatcher* book yesterday after a High Court judge in Hong Kong rejected an application by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, to stop publication of extracts in the English-language *Sunday Morning Post*.

The Prime Minister, in consultation with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is expected to decide today whether to appeal against the judgement, after taking legal advice from Sir John Bailey, the Treasury Solicitor.

Judge Barnett in Hong Kong, who lifted an interim injunction against the newspaper on the ground of freedom of speech, gave the Government until tomorrow to appeal.

In deciding whether to continue the legal action in the British colony, the Government is mindful of the fact that within the next seven days or so, the New South Wales Appeal Court is due to announce its judgement on the publication of *Spycatcher* by the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, in Australia.

Government legal sources have indicated that if the decision confirms the ruling in favour of Mr Wright and his publishers, Heinemann of Australia, made in the lower court in March, the matter will be pursued to the New South Wales Supreme Court.

In yesterday's Hong Kong ruling, the High Court judge said: "Freedom of speech far outweighs any interest the Attorney General has in restraint."

He said that the Hong Kong public was particularly sensitive to "any fettering of the free flow of information." The blanket ban on the book imposed last month by the Law Lords in Britain could not be applied in Hong Kong.

He added that it was "pertinent" that Britain was ultimately responsible for Hong Kong and that Mrs Thatcher's Government was "being relied upon to make the best possible arrangement for Hong Kong after 1997", when the colony is taken over by Peking.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, for the court, told the court earlier that an injunction would set a menacing precedent for restrictions on freedom of expression by the future government and future courts.

Mr John Dux, editor-in-chief of the newspaper, which had published the first extracts of *Spycatcher* on July 25, commented after the decision: "It is a far greater victory than for the newspaper."

"It is a victory of freedom of the press and the public's right to know information that has

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Tests on body of Hungerford killer

By David Sapsted and Howard Foster

The bodies of all 16 of those murdered in Hungerford have now been released for burial.

The body of Michael Ryan, the gunman, is being subjected to further tests, which include attempts to establish whether or not he was on drink or drugs, and it has not yet been released by the coroner.

Ryan died of a single gunshot wound to the head, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Charles Hoile, the Newbury coroner, heard evidence of the identification and cause of death of Ryan, aged 27, and 15 of his 16 victims.

All died from gunshot wounds, mainly to the head, chest or abdomen.

Mrs Dorothy Ryan, his mother, received wounds in the back and the abdomen, the inquest was told.

The killer was described in evidence given by Mr Stephen Fairbrass, his uncle, as "a quiet and moody type of person."

Mr Hoile disclosed that he planned to switch the venue of the full inquest, to be held in late September, from Newbury to Hungerford's town hall, less than a quarter of a mile from the scene of the killings.

Dr Richard Shepherd from Guy's Hospital and Dr Roger Ainsworth, from Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey, both Home Office pathologists, gave evi-

dence of the cause of death in each of the 16 cases.

None of the relatives of the dead was asked to attend the court to save further distress. Evidence of identification was read out by coroners' officers.

The inquest on Ryan's other victims, Mrs Susan Godfrey, from Reading, who was killed in Savernake Forest, Wiltshire, was opened in Swindon on Friday.

● An amnesty for illegally held firearms last night seemed increasingly likely after Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, began preparing an agenda for tightening up gun laws for presentation to Cabinet colleagues (Peter Evans writes).

A meeting yesterday was attended by Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, officials, and Mr Stanley Barratt, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary. They considered a wide range of issues from which to choose those suitable for a Cabinet agenda. Those included: whether adequate enquiries are made about the character of a person requiring a gun licence; whether there is a good reason for individuals to hold semi-automatic weapons; and whether storage should be at home or in a gun club.

Police halt search for Moors boy

Police have called off their search of Saddleworth Moor for the body of murder victim Keith Bennett.

The decision to end the search, was made after Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, head of Greater Manchester CID, visited Ian Brady five days ago, hoping he might pinpoint the boy's grave.

News of the search abandonment was broken to Keith's mother, Mrs Winifred Johnson, by Mr Topping, who called at her council house in Fallowfield, Manchester, yesterday.

Mrs Johnson, aged 53, was devastated by the news.

Weeping openly, she said: "It is so unfair. It was because of my letter to Miss Hindley that the search began in earnest. And now to be the only mother of a Moors murder victim not to have her child returned for proper burial leaves me bereft."

Scientists hunt for air computer fault

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A team of computer scientists will today begin an urgent search for the fault which has led to nine breakdowns in the main North Atlantic air traffic control computer in the past five months.

The computer, a PDP 11 made by the American based Digital Equipment Corporation "crashed" again yesterday for the second time within 24 hours, forcing controllers at Prestwick in Scotland to revert to hand written procedures for monitoring flights between Britain and America.

Now the Civil Aviation Authority, which spent more than £6.8 million last March in installing the equipment, has ordered an independent computer systems group to trace the fault and to put it right.

The trouble is believed to centre on the software programmes.

They took more than three years to develop jointly by the CAA and the Farnborough based Software Sciences company and were intended to make the computer the most sophisticated air traffic control aid in the world.

But since it was installed it has caused trouble, often breaking down and "freezing" information on dozens of aircraft as they speed down the air corridors across the Atlantic.

"We are extremely concerned about these repeated problems and are determined to trace the bug which is clearly present somewhere in the software," the CAA said.

The computer replaced a much less sophisticated electronic aid known as Apollo.

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NOT JUST SHIRTS

Naval encounter tests taut nerves in the Gulf

From Robert Fisk, Dubai

A Clyde-built Iranian naval landing ship bearing no name, number or flag steamed up to America's latest tanker convoy through the Gulf yesterday, passed by the US helicopter-carrier Guadalcanal just short of the Strait of Hormuz and sailed away only when US helicopter-gunships were launched to warn her off.

It was a singularly self-confident gesture by Iran's little navy, but one that was accompanied by no more than a mild Iranian complaint that its vessel was in international waters and had the right to be there.

If nothing else, it proved how narrow are the nautical rules that separate the Americans from the Iranians in the Gulf

Washington (Reuter) - The US guided missile destroyer Kidd fired warning machine gun blasts across the bows of two unidentified ships in the Gulf after they ignored warnings to stay clear of the tanker convoy, the Pentagon said last night. The small boats turned away.

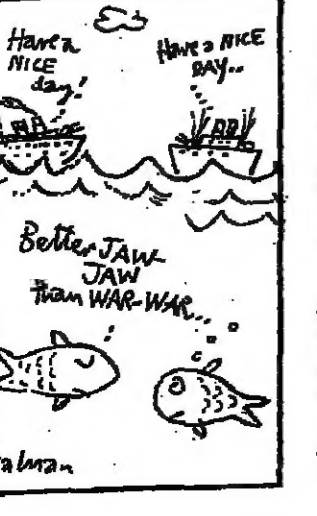
Arab League meets

And how very wide are the margins for error. Only after dark last night did the latest convoy of three gas carriers and the oil tanker Bridgeton, with their US naval escorts, pass through the Strait of the Gulf of Oman where a convoy was assembling for US naval protection on a new voyage up to Kuwait.

The Bridgeton, damaged by a mine last month, passed through the Strait in advance of the faster gas carriers while the Guadalcanal, which had been on station off Dubai, moved in to escort the two halves of the convoy at dawn. Her Sea Stallion helicopters trailing sonar sledges through the waves in a search for mines.

All the previous night, the three US-flagged Kuwaiti gas carriers had zig-zagged down the Gulf from Bahrain, but the Iranians were moving towards them by dawn. The subsequent American radio warning to the Iranians - and the Iranian reply - said something about the cold courtesy which the two navies still maintain towards each other: US warship: "Iranian naval warship: this is US naval warship 37. I am at the head of a column of ships conducting a transit of the Arabian (sic) Gulf. Request your intentions, sir."

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NEWS SUMMARY

Tories in drive on rates reform

The Conservative Party yesterday stepped up its efforts to win the support of its own members for a community charge to replace rates.

Thousands of copies of a booklet from Conservative Central Office, setting out the case for reform, are being distributed to Tory activists, councillors and MPs in preparation for a big propaganda offensive by ministers at the party conference in October.

In the booklet, Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Local Government, underlines the Government's determination to press ahead with the shake-up by condemning the "underlying unfairness" of the present rating system.

A number of leading Tory MPs, including Mr Michael Heseltine, Sir George Young and Mr Edward Heath, have voiced the widespread unease at the reform.

Nevertheless, the government Whips can draw comfort from the fact that many of the new intake of Conservative MPs support scrapping the rates.

Lionesses rescued

A wildlife collector has come to the rescue of three lionesses due to be destroyed after they mauled a lion at the Longleat Safari Park in Wiltshire.

The lionesses were sent to the park after magistrates at Maidenstone, Kent, ruled that their previous owner, Mr Peter Hill, of nearby Stockbury, was not licensed to keep them.

At the park, the lionesses mauled a lion so badly that it had to be put down. They were due to be destroyed yesterday, but now an unnamed, licensed collector has offered to have them.

Children quizzed

Detectors seeking the murderer of a retired headmaster have interviewed children who ran his errands. Police believe that burglary was behind the strangling of Mr Harold Downes, of Cranleigh, Surrey, found dead on his bed last Wednesday.

"We have been told by two youngsters that some of the teenagers were encouraged to go into his mansion and search for money," police said.

"There were rumours of £200 in a jar." They are asking parents to name the child visitors.

£50,000 aircraft plan

Mr Mike Robertson, a Cornish entrepreneur, is completing a joint venture with Hungary for the production of "a people's aeroplane" costing about £50,000. Eight Hungarian officials spent yesterday with Mr Robertson and Mr Anthony Stephens, British Aerospace's general sales manager for Eastern Europe.

Hungary wants 40 of the single-engine trainer aircraft, the SAH1, for crop-spraying but production could reach 700. The airframes and wings would be built in Hungary for assembly in a converted entertainment stadium on Bodmin Moor.

Mr Robertson has already put well over pounds £1 million into the deal on a pound-for-pound bargain with Hungary.

No 10 is tempting

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign co-ordinator in the general election, said yesterday that he would like to be Prime Minister.

Asked if his political ambitions stretched to 10 Downing Street, he said: "Yes. But only in the sense that if the chance ever presented itself I would take it."

"I am not one of those one-goal oriented people. There are other senior jobs in the Cabinet which I'd equally like to do." Mr Gould, aged 48, also said he was handicapped by his young looks.

Factory jobs deal

About 450 jobs are to be created by Marconi, the electronics firm, in Lincoln, it was disclosed yesterday.

The company has negotiated a rate-free agreement with Lincoln City Council for a factory expansion programme.

The arrangement provides for money the firm would normally pay in rates to be used for the training of new workers for the next six years.

The arrangement is part of the Labour-controlled authority's plan to bring jobs to the city.

DAF plans boost for Leyland

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

The former state-owned Leyland Trucks company, merged with the Dutch DAF motor manufacturer last April, is making a small profit and the Anglo-Dutch company plans to concentrate production growth in Britain.

Last year Leyland Trucks was losing £1.5 million a week and, together with Leyland Bus, required £6.8 million of state funding.

Mr Aart Van der Padt, DAF president, confirmed yesterday that the assembly plant at Leyland, Lancashire, which had several thousand redundancies in the past two years, will be the main beneficiary of the growth.

The Leyland plant was designed to build a maximum of 14,000 lorries a year, although in 1987 it made a quarter of that number. Since the April merger productivity at Leyland has improved by almost 30 per cent and nearly matches the Dutch standards.

This year Leyland DAF output from the Lancashire plant will rise from 2,000 to 2,000 lorries, and the DAF group will be Europe's fourth largest lorry maker.

The DAF president also revealed that the production target for the new Freight Rover van, due for launch in 1990, is 40,000 a year, more than double the current output. But that is likely to lead to an expansion of the 1,800 workforce at Birmingham which builds the light van.

It will take two years to completely integrate the former Leyland and DAF organizations.

Landslides disrupt rail service

Landslides and power failures in the wake of torrential storms are likely to affect rail services to north-east London and East Anglia for the next three days, British Rail says.

Sudden floods caused five landslides between Ipswich and Manningtree and another blockage south of Ipswich was unlikely to be cleared by today.

Rail lines between Stoke-on-Trent and Derby were closed and many houses in Stone town centre had to be evacuated when flood water reached five feet.

Mr Arthur Spilsbury, aged 93, was recovering yesterday from a swim through floodwater when he was trapped in his car at Oulton, near Stone, Staffordshire.

By Roland Rudd

For the first time in Mr Arthur Scargill's six-year presidency, the National Union of Mineworkers has voted overwhelmingly to back their leader's call for industrial action.

Before the ink was dry on the ballot papers yesterday, Mr Scargill had already claimed a new mandate for "various forms" of strike action and was parading the result as a vote of confidence in his leadership.

His Yorkshire power base, in the militant heartland of Doncaster, had already voted once with their feet when they brought the area out on a complete stoppage. Over the weekend they voted for more of the same: some for another all-

One problem after another at air traffic centre

By Kerry Gill
and Harvey Elliot

Prestwick's computer system, planned to be the world's most sophisticated air traffic control aid, cost £7 million and, it was disclosed yesterday, was installed by 10.00 pm on the last day of March to avoid any cruel April Fool's Day jokes.

Engineers were still investigating the latest computer failure at Prestwick last night but it is thought to have been a hardware fault. The main computer system "crashed" and a standby computer, designed to take over in such an emergency, went offline minutes later. Traffic displays on the visual display units

(VDUs) did not disappear.

Once the computer crashes, and it has suffered numerous teething problems since its installation, air traffic controllers revert to a manual system aided by teletype information.

That system, however, is very much slower, hence the necessity to ground aircraft if traffic is particularly busy.

Safety is paramount. Mr George Murphy, the general manager of the Scottish and Oceanic Air Traffic Control Centre at Prestwick, said:

"Over 24 hours, Prestwick, which employs 280 air traffic control personnel and 130 telecommunications experts,

is responsible for about 650 flights across the North Atlantic. The busiest day yet was on June 25, when there were 657 aircraft movements.

The centre is responsible for about three million cubic miles of air space.

Most of the faults of the system, of which nine have been serious, were caused by software. Mr Murphy said there had been several failures of the main computer.

"Any vast new computer package, in any industry, takes time to settle down," he said. "We are still in the middle of a settling-down period."

Before March, flight data was displayed on paper flight

progress strips. Now it is shown on electronic data displays.

Once a breakdown occurs, all data on the display is frozen but the information continues to flow to air traffic controllers by teletype. Although an air traffic controller can operate his display unit manually, it becomes time-consuming and there is a consequent build-up of aircraft on the tarmac.

"Safety," Mr Murphy said, "is never compromised. The aircraft remain separated, but what is compromised is expedition because we have to restrict the aircraft flow to a level which we can manage".

The effects of any breakdown can differ depending on the time of day. Most west-bound flights are scheduled between 11.00 am to 6.00 pm, which is why there were such serious delays on Sunday.

Flights eastward are generally between 3.00 am and 10.00 am. Luckily, the Prestwick base was able to inform Gander of yesterday's computer crash in time for the American air traffic controllers to organize flights.

● Nearly three days after Spanish air traffic controllers stopped their strike, thousands of holidaymakers were still being delayed for hours yesterday as they waited for

airlines' schedules to return to normal.

Typical of the strike's domino effect was the delay of more than six hours experienced yesterday by 220 passengers on Monarch Airlines' flight OM842 to Salonika.

They were scheduled to leave Gatwick at 5.55 am.

Most passengers accepted the delay with resigned good nature but as airport staff worked round the clock to unravel the tangle of flight rescheduling created by the strike, they were also having to face up to a further headache — Spanish air traffic controllers have renewed their threats of another strike this weekend.

Labour urges debate on random breath testing of motorists

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Labour Party is to press for an early Commons debate on the possibility of random breath testing of motorists.

Mr Robert Hughes, Labour's chief spokesman on transport, called yesterday for the Government to make time for a debate as soon as MPs return to Westminster in October, after reports that the Government is considering its introduction as part of a crackdown against drinking and driving.

There is no official Labour policy on the question of random breath testing. However Mr Hughes said that he personally favoured its introduction.

Everything possible had to be done to dissuade people from drinking and driving and it was better than having a system whereby the police could, in practice, stop anyone they wished, but under which people felt resentful if stopped ostensibly for another purpose, he said.

Mr Robert Adley, a vice-chairman of the Conservative backbench transport committee, said that he would fully support any attempt to introduce random breath testing. "The Government really should grasp this nettle. Since 1980 there have been 36 deaths on the railways and 50,000 on the roads," he said.

"The only answer is to introduce the same safety standards on the roads. Someone has to save people from themselves over drinking and driving."

In spite of the evidence of growing cross-party support for changes in the law, the Government seemed to be backtracking yesterday from earlier indications of ministerial support for random breath testing.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, with special responsibility for road safety, said in radio and television interviews that random breath testing was not needed.

He also criticized reports that the Government was to make big cuts in spending on anti-drink and drive advertising, and to divert the money to road safety research.

Mr Bottomley said: "We will continue to advertise at the level of last year. The idea that we are scrapping the campaign is rubbish."

Mr Hughes said that money should not be diverted from anti-drink-and-drive publicity campaigns to other road safety causes.

Campaigns against drinking and driving in other countries vary. In Japan, young drunken drivers, who are sent for trial at the Family Court, are more likely to receive lenient treatment than their elders.

But drunken drivers still cannot expect light sentencing.

Drivers are subject to random breath checks and a reading of 0.025 grams of alcohol per litre will cost six penalty points on a driving licence and automatic suspension for 30 days. The police may also seek a jail term of up to three months and a fine of up to £5,000 (£200).

Serious offenders automatically lose 15 points and on-the-spot revocation of their driving licence. Suspended drivers may apply for a new driving test after a year but if there are any other penalty points against them at the time of the offence they must wait three years before taking another examination.

They may also be subject to jail of up to two years and a fine of up to £100,000. In Australia, the legal blood-alcohol level is 0.05. Two years ago the state of New South Wales, in an attempt to deal with the rising incidence of drink-related accidents, reduced the legal limit for probationary or learner drivers to 0.02.

However, the federal government is reported to be preparing recommendations for all state governments that probationary drivers should be banned if they show any alcohol-blood reading at all.

Random breath testing is carried out by so-called "booze buses", which, although rarely sighted, take up positions beside busy roads to conduct the tests.

Penalties for drink-driving are similar to Britain, but the courts have wider discretion.

Banning is not mandatory, but fines are usually heavy.

In France, where an average of 30 people die on the roads each day, half of them in accidents directly attributable to drunken driving, heavier penalties came into force last month for those caught with 0.08 grams of alcohol in their blood.

Drunken drivers now face jail terms ranging from two months to two years and fines from £200 to £300. There are no specific penalties for young offenders but any driver with 0.2 grams of alcohol in his blood will have his driving licence withdrawn on the spot by police.

Other initiatives taken in the past year include a government ban on television advertising of alcohol and campaigns warning of the dangers of drunken driving.

While the heavier penalties have met with public approval, the 24-hour availability of alcohol, even in petrol stations, has remained untouched.

In Belgium, random testing is carried out only at Christmas and during other festivals. Otherwise the police are likely to only test someone whose driving is erratic or who has been involved in an accident.

The maximum permitted blood alcohol reading is 0.08 grams per litre of blood. If someone is over the limit, a doctor is called for a blood test and if it proves positive the person is forbidden to drive for six hours.

In West Germany, the maximum penalty for drinking and driving is a year in prison or a heavy fine. A reading of more than 0.08 grams results in automatic suspension.

In Holland, drinking and driving is strictly forbidden. A licence can be withdrawn for one to eight hours if a breath test shows a reading of more than 0.05 grams and the offence goes into the police records.

If the test shows more than 0.08 grams, the driver is arrested and the licence can only be restored by the public prosecutor's office.



Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, and his wife Glensy arriving at Heathrow Airport, London, yesterday after a holiday in Greece.

SDP constitution may block leader

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The anti-merger faction in the Social Democratic Party is threatening a surprise constitutional move to stop Mr Robert MacLennan, the pro-merger candidate, becoming the party's leader.

The party's rules contain a clause under which a leader can be removed from office by a majority vote of the parliamentary committee.

The merger opponents are considering warning Mr MacLennan that he might face an immediate vote of no confidence in his leadership if he allows his name to go forward when nominations close at the end of this week.

The anti-mergerites are considering naming Mr John Cartwright, MP, one of Dr David Owen's closest associates, against Mr MacLennan if he refuses to back down.

The clause in question, drafted to prevent a leader outstaying his welcome, says that a leader should hold office unless "more than half the members of the parliamentary committee support a resolution calling for a new election for the office of leader".

Dr Owen's supporters have a majority among the party's five MPs. But the parliamentary committee also includes the SDP peers, whose

views are much less well known.

Mr MacLennan, who returns to Britain tomorrow after a holiday in the United States, is apparently determined to resist the pressures being applied by his opponents in the party.

While not relishing the prospect of a contest with Mr Cartwright, which would inevitably reopen the wounds of the merger battle, Mr MacLennan is said to believe that the membership's views had to be respected. For a variety of operational reasons the SDP needed a leader over the coming months of talks with the Liberals.

Mr MacLennan's supporters say the united front being put forward by Dr Owen and Mr Cartwright was more apparent than real, maintaining that the Woolwich MP's talk of himself as a "caretaker leader" was a smokescreen for a real ambition to take over the running of the party indefinitely.

But the anti-mergerites say they share Dr Owen's belief that the party has no need of a leader for the next few months, with Dr Owen ready to return once talks with the Liberals are completed and the path towards an "amicable separation" is laid.

Soldier stole arms for the Legion, court told

A former paratrooper planned to sell British Army equipment, including explosives and grenades to the French Foreign Legion, a court was told yesterday.

The chance came when his friend left the Third Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, to join the Legion while he was transferred to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

At Winchester Crown Court Vincent Bramley, aged 30, of Charlotte Close, Farnham, Hampshire, who joined the RAO, denied theft of explosives, detonators, signal rockets, grenades, safety fuse and CS gas tablets. He also denied possessing army property.

The trial continues today.

Mr William Taylor, for the prosecution, said the two men had fought with distinction in the Falklands.

Mr Kevin Connery, after joining the Legion, asked Mr Bramley to "name your price" for explosives, used in simulated battle conditions.

Early in July, Mr Connery collected explosives from the home of Bramley's father in Aldershot, Hampshire.

A week later, said Mr Taylor, the two soldiers argued. Mr Connery returned to his family's house at Fawley, near Southampton, only to find police were waiting to question him.

Cash for city task forces is not used

By Paul Eastham

The Government's 16 experimental inner city task forces set up to regenerate deprived urban areas have earmarked only a third of their £20 million budget for projects.

A detailed analysis for *The Times* shows they have allocated £7.2 million in their first 18 months of operation. Only the first eight forces, set up in February 1986, have been going long enough to find projects on which to spend substantial amounts of cash.

The second eight, announced in April 1987, have allocated something less than £2 million but formal figures are not yet available and this money has not been included in our analysis.

This performance is considerably better than the picture painted by press reports a few weeks ago suggesting only one-tenth of the available cash had been spent by the forces, established to create jobs, attract new enterprise, improve the environment and galvanize people to help themselves.

The Government says some task forces have faced considerable problems in finding premises. Starting from scratch in some of Britain's most unattractive areas meant the initiative got off to a slow start.

Even so, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of State at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, was sufficiently encouraged to double the number of forces in April.

Officials are extremely anxious that the figures should not be presented as a league table because some task force areas have been much more difficult to work in than others.

The Handsworth task force in Birmingham has allocated most cash, £1.78 million, and Manchester Moss Side the least with £211,165. Manchester council officials declined to comment.

The task force in Highfields, Leicester, which has spent the second least amount, £246,636, was condemned as being "doomed to failure from the beginning" by Mr Bhupen Dave, chairman of Leicester council's employment and urban affairs sub-committee.

The force got off on the wrong footing, he said, by being announced with no prior consultation with the community.

Oxfam call to halt aid 'disasters'

By Paul Valley

British taxpayers are helping to fund aid projects which turn out to be social and environmental disasters, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been told by Oxfam.

The charity has called on the Government to release more information about proposed projects. It levels its main criticism against the World Bank and other multilateral institutions to which Britain is a key contributor.

Mr Frank Judd, Oxfam's director, in a letter to Mr Lawson, calls on Britain's representatives to be less secretive about their voting intentions at the multilateral development banks.

Instead they should discuss each issue with those agencies which have on-the-ground experience in the relevant area.

Oxfam's partners overseas have suffered directly from the effects of inappropriate lending policies, Oxfam says.

Among such ill-conceived projects are some of the world's largest dam schemes in India. They will provide power and irrigation but also displace hundreds of thousands of tribal people.

An independent television documentary, *The Price of Progress*, to be broadcast tonight discloses that at least 25 of World Bank projects in the past decade have involved the forced resettlement of half a million people.

Scargill bathes in a reflected ballot-box glory

By Roland Rudd

For the first time in Mr Arthur Scargill's six-year presidency, the National Union of Mineworkers has voted overwhelmingly to back their leader's call for industrial action.

Before the ink was dry on the ballot papers yesterday, Mr Scargill had already claimed a new mandate for "various forms" of strike action and was parading the result as a vote of confidence in his leadership.

His Yorkshire power base, in the militant heartland of Doncaster, had already voted once with their feet when they brought the area out on a complete stoppage. Over the weekend they voted for more of the same: some for another all-

out strike, others for a more sophisticated rolling strike bringing out a quarter of the county's miners each week.

Mr Scargill's critics on the national executive — they now form a majority — appear to have rallied around their leader's war cry. Mr John Walsh, the North Yorkshire area agent who has always favoured "negotiation and not confrontation", has been as outspoken as anyone in his condemnation of British Coal's dismissal of a union branch secretary.

But the semblance of unity is misleading. The issue at stake on the ballot was not Mr Scargill's leadership, but British Coal's controversial disciplinary code. The 77 per cent vote for industrial action is

conclusive proof of widespread hatred for what the NUM calls "the vicious and draconian code", not of Mr Scargill's popularity.

British Coal must see the day it drafted the clause that miners can be dismissed for offences outside their place of work, even if they have been acquitted in the courts.

However, management is making amends. NUM officials attending last week's meeting with Sir Robert Haslam were genuinely amazed to find the coal chief angry with his departmental heads for their degree of insensitivity in imposing a code of conduct which "appeared to infringe civil liberties". British Coal is now prepared to alter the code as

the conciliation service, Acas, sees fit.

Mr Kevin Hunt, British Coal's head of industrial relations, emphasized yesterday that although the coal board believed its code was fair and reasonable, the right way to resolve the union's criticisms was to await the outcome of discussions at Acas.

Mr Scargill has dismissed this concession as a waste of time. Instead of "pointless" talks, he wants British Coal to withdraw the code immediately. Any failure to do this, the NUM president said, could lead to "anarchy" or "real conflict".

That is not how the South Wales miners see it. Mr Des Duffield, president of the South Wales branch of the

Service 1150

Doctors face huge insurance rise as medical claims soar

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Medical insurance premiums for Britain's 90,000 doctors and dentists are to rise by 87 per cent to more than £1,000 next year because of the soaring number of claims and the sharp rise in costs awarded.

Yesterday the two medical defence organizations announced that the existing £565 premium, itself 71 per cent higher than the previous year, would go up to £1,080 for any doctor or dentist earning more than £12,400.

The British Medical Association gave a warning that the move could lead to higher costs for the NHS because doctors would practise "defensive medicine" - trying every conceivable test or treatment to avoid missing something.

"The defence subscriptions will now swallow up more than a month of a registrar's salary and this is bound to influence young doctors considering a career in hospital medicine", the BMA said.

All doctors now working in the UK have to belong to one of the two defence bodies in order to practise, but the BMA said that ruling is likely to be challenged by junior doctors, particularly as in other countries such costs are met by the employer.

Last June, the first £1 million claim was awarded to a chemical engineering student who was left with brain damage. Both the Medical Defence Union (MDU) and the Medical Protection Society (MPS) said they were processing more than twenty claims which could lead to £1 million damages in the next few years.

Dr John Brooke Barnett, secretary of the MDU, said: "This size of award will soon become standard for certain types of negligence".

Dr Brooke said that most of the big claims concerned brain damage resulting from obstetric or anaesthetic practice.

A high proportion of claims are also paid on behalf of GPs concerning drug-related cases.

However, the union, which has seen the number of claims increase by 400 per cent during the past four years and paid out £14.7 million in claims last year, says that a significant proportion of the rise was in smaller claims, resulting in awards of less than £10,000.

Dr Kathleen Allison, deputy secretary of the MDU, said: "People are becoming more aware that they can claim and the medical profession is losing its image of 'father knows best'. It is no longer held in such high esteem."

The MPS paid out £9 million last year and took on 2,500 new claims. The number of claims it is now handling represents well over 10 per thousand doctors.

Both defence unions have set a flat rate for GPs, junior hospital doctors and consultants irrespective of actual earnings or income from private work.

Junior doctors argue that consultants who do private work are on a much higher income and should pay more.

Dr Ruth Gilbert, a research registrar at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, Avon, said: "I would like to see differential payments for people working

for the public and the private sector".

In the long term both defence organizations support the introduction of a no-fault compensation scheme run on similar lines to that introduced in Sweden and New Zealand.

Patients are automatically given state funded compensation for medical accidents, regardless of blame. The British Medical Association is now pressing the Government to set up a pilot scheme in Britain.

The MPS is now pressing the Government to introduce partial reimbursement for junior hospital doctors' premiums.

Dr Peter Hunter, MPS secretary, said the organization was pressing for at least 50 per cent reimbursement for junior doctors, which would be taken into account when assessing doctors' salaries.

The MPS said there was no evidence that the private sector had a higher proportion of claims than the NHS.

"We have very few claims from private hospitals. The rise in claims from the NHS is partly due to higher throughput rates which have put increased pressure on all staff. Not all support staff are immediately available and some work is done by insufficiently trained registrars."

The defence bodies pointed out that insurance charges were tax deductible but that junior doctors would get considerably less tax relief than their consultant colleagues.

A star is found but the show is over



Horses may suffer from yellow peril

By Robin Young

Is rape bad for racehorses? The National Trainers' Federation meets tomorrow to discuss whether rape (the oil-seed crop, not the physical activity) could seriously put horses out of their stride.

Mr Con Horgan, a trainer whose gallops at Billingham, near Wokingham, Berkshire, have been surrounded by rape crops this year has asked, in effect, for a dope test on his whole string, which have been sadly out of form all season.

He has had only one winner compared with 15, 21 and 20 in the three previous seasons with his string of 35 horses, and thinks that his animals may have been drugged by the pungent odour of the rape fields.

Mr Horgan said yesterday: "The horses are lethargic, sluggish, and have winter coats. The horses' blood count has been wrong all season, and it is only now that the rape has been harvested and the land cleared that they are beginning to pick up again."

The Animal Health Trust's equine research station at Newmarket, which may be asked to make a full inquiry into Mr Horgan's horses' below-par performances, said yesterday: "This has taken us rather by surprise. We do not really know very much about

rape as yet, except that it smells horrible."

Rape has, in fact, already been blamed for killing thousands of rabbits and hares in Europe, and for producing acute asthmatic and bronchial symptoms in some people. It is well-known that the plant, which is a brassica related to mustard and cabbage, is poisonous when eaten.

The glycosides and isothiocyanates it contains produce pulmonary emphysema, respiratory distress, anaemia and irritability.

Some of its effects resemble those of the American locoweeds, members of the pea family which are notorious for producing frenzied "crazy" behaviour, loss of muscular control and often death in animals when eaten.

Other plants are known to produce airborne allergies in animals as well as humans, usually through exuded oleoresins and water soluble antigens. Mr Horgan claims that his horses' problems began last year, when one field of rape was planted alongside his land. It came into sulphurous yellow bloom just before the horses began to go off colour.

This year the neighbouring farmer trebled his planting of rape, and Mr Horgan's gallops were surrounded by the crop.

Bonnie Langford (above), the entertainer, joining in the fun yesterday with Victoria Blundell (above centre) aged four, and Estelle Hardy (left), aged three, after Simon Paris (right), aged six, found the strain of being winner of a national children's contest too much and had to cuddle his mother.

(Photograph: John Rogers).

Secret gun case man remanded in custody

A man was accused in London yesterday of stealing a secret gun from the premises of a company reportedly working for MI5.

The Piccolo, one of the world's most sophisticated machine guns, can fire at the rate of 1,200 rounds a minute and is powerful enough to shoot down helicopters.

The stolen prototype was being held by the London firm, Allivane International, which has close ties with MI5 and the Ministry of Defence.

Ayrshire born Ian Taylor, aged 33 and unemployed, of Bridges House, Kingsdown Close, North Kensington, was remanded in custody until September 2 at Hammersmith Road Magistrates Court, central London.

He is charged with stealing £170 and two automatic firearms and accessories, worth £5,000 in a burglary at Allivane's premises at 92 Hammersmith Road.

The Special Branch was informed after the lethal Piccolo - so compact it can be hidden under a coat - and a powerful SPAS automatic shotgun went missing 10 days ago.

Both guns were recovered from a left luggage locker at Charing Cross station on Sunday.

The intelligence services were set to launch their own investigation amid fears that the IRA may have been involved, but police are treating it as a routine burglary.

After the hearing, Det Chief Insp Douglas Olds, of Rochester Row CID, denied the firm had been testing the weapon for the Government.

Allivane's principal director, Colonel John Blackwell, aged 57, is a former Commander of the 8th Battalion of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Solicitors' premiums go up

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Most of the 10,000 solicitors' firms in England and Wales will face rises of about 35 per cent in the cost of their professional indemnity insurance from September 1.

The rise comes against a background of rising negligence claims against solicitors, last year totalling £50 million.

Between 1981 and 1986, the gross premium income of the solicitors' branch of the profession has risen by about 250 per cent. Last year the rise was 33 per cent, but that compares with rises in other professions of up to 100 per cent.

The difficulties of obtaining adequate insurance on the open market - and the huge premiums demanded for "top up" cover - have prompted the Law Society to set up its

own indemnity insurance fund paid for directly by solicitors. It comes into force on September 1.

Barriers, who during the past two years have in some cases faced premium increases of up to 500 per cent with good claims records and up to 1,800 per cent with bad ones, are also considering setting up a mutual fund.

Under the old Law Society master policy scheme it negotiated insurance on the open market for each solicitor to be covered up to £500,000. Beyond that, firms had to negotiate for "top up" cover direct.

The new scheme starts with a financial base of £69.5 million through compulsory levies which are probably at least a third higher than that paid

under the master policy scheme.

Commenting on the higher premiums in this week's *Solicitors' Journal*, Mr John Miller, an insurance expert, predicts that the new premiums will be about £1,620 a head for firms averaging £50,000 a year in their partners' gross fee income, and £2,920 for those in the £100,000 gross fee income bracket.

Those figures compare with £1,200 a head and £2,200 a head for the commercial scheme which is just ending.

But one-man and small firms are already protesting that they are shouldering an unfair proportion of the profession's insurance burden.

Family yet to hear of gunman's toll

By Howard Foster

A family which left Hungerford the day before the murder of 16 people still may not know that their home has been burnt down and two of their relatives have been shot dead, police said yesterday.

Mr Kevin Drinkwater, his wife, Linda, and her parents, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Bray, left by car for a touring holiday in the south of France and either Spain or Italy on August 18, intending to return on September 2.

Mr and Mrs Drinkwater and their two children, Philip, aged seven, and Cally, aged six, live at 1 South View, three doors away from the home of Michael Ryan and his mother, Dorothy. After Ryan set fire to his own home, the flames also destroyed the three adjoining houses.

Mrs Drinkwater, aged 24, is related by marriage to Sheila and Rowland Mason, the elderly neighbours of Ryan who were shot dead last Wednesday afternoon.

English police have asked European colleagues to try to trace the Drinkwaters.

Mr and Mrs Drinkwater are travelling in a brown B-registration Fiat. Mr and Mrs Bray are in a blue Vauxhall Cavalier, MYU 557 X.

Yesterday relatives said that they were anxiously awaiting a telephone call but so far, nothing had been heard.

"They had just started to buy their house and now it has

gone and Kevin's work van is ruined", Mrs Tina Bray, sister-in-law of Mrs Drinkwater, said at her home in Coldharbour Road, Hungerford.

A victim of the Hungerford shooting, recovering yesterday in a Swindon hospital, wants to keep the bullet that shattered his jaw as a reminder of his narrow escape from death.

Mr John Storms, a washing machine engineer, who was shot by Michael Ryan as he drove through Hungerford last Wednesday, was taken out of intensive care at the weekend but still has his jaw wired and is unable to speak.

But he asked his wife in a note to keep the bullet. In it he said he saw Ryan on the opposite side of the road "facing me, holding a gun in police-marksmen fashion. He fired one shot. I looked up and he shot again."

"I opened the passenger door and crawled out. Then I saw him shoot into another moving car. He wandered around shooting."

An unknown man risked his life to help Mr Storms, from Abingdon, Oxfordshire, into his home. The man put towels over the wound and wrapped him in a blanket before dialling for an ambulance.

Hearings at Newbury Magistrates' Court, where one of Michael Ryan's victims worked, were adjourned for a 10-minute interval of remembrance yesterday.

Trust set up to aid sufferers

By Howard Foster

The administrators of the Hungerford Tragedy Fund said yesterday they had decided to form a trust after taking advice from the Bradford Fire Disaster Fund and the Charity Commissioners. Donations approached the £100,000 figure last night.

"Everyone told us to appoint trustees rather than become a charity - even the Charity Commissioners", Mrs Susan Bunnell, a Hungerford councillor and solicitor, said.

"We feel it is essential that the trustees have absolute discretion in distribution. We have widows and a 70-year-old lady who suffered in the tragedy. Obviously, their needs will be different", Mrs Bunnell said.

She added that three trustees would be appointed today after a local council solicitor had travelled to London to finalize the terms of the trust.

The Bradford fund organizers have recently produced a book detailing their experiences and the Doves-Zeebrugge fund is being administered on similar lines.

Money has already been distributed to some families with immediate needs by the Hungerford Round Table but it is thought that the first payments from the trust fund could be handed out as early as tomorrow.

Violent TV series delayed by BBC

By Lynda Mardin, Arts Correspondent

The BBC yesterday postponed screening some programmes with a violent content because of the Hungerford massacre but independent television largely rejected "panic solutions".

Mr Michael Grade, BBC controller of programmes, announced that the three-episode £600,000 serial *The Marksmen*, starring David Threlfall as a father hunting his son's killers, is to be shown in December and not next month.

In addition, a BBC 2 film, *Battletrack*, due to be seen this weekend as part of the Kiwi Cinema Series, has been delayed.

Mr Grade said he would welcome a debate with his rivals on the question of violence and television.

"I have no doubt the industry as a whole will be debating the lessons of Hungerford in the next few months", Mr Grade said.

"My personal view is that we have to work towards continuing to reduce the gratuitous violence that is on the screen."

Yesterday's postponements came after Mr Grade, on his own initiative, consulted Mr Bill Cotton, the BBC's managing director.

There had been no request from the Government, which is believed to be considering taking action to curb both sex

and violence on television after last week's massacre.

"I think the time has come when broadcasters must get together to discuss violence on television in the light of changing public attitudes. But we must stoutly defend television's duty to portray the reality of life."

Mr Grade's invitation to a debate was coolly received, shortly afterwards by ITV chiefs, gathered for their autumn launch at the Savoy Hotel.

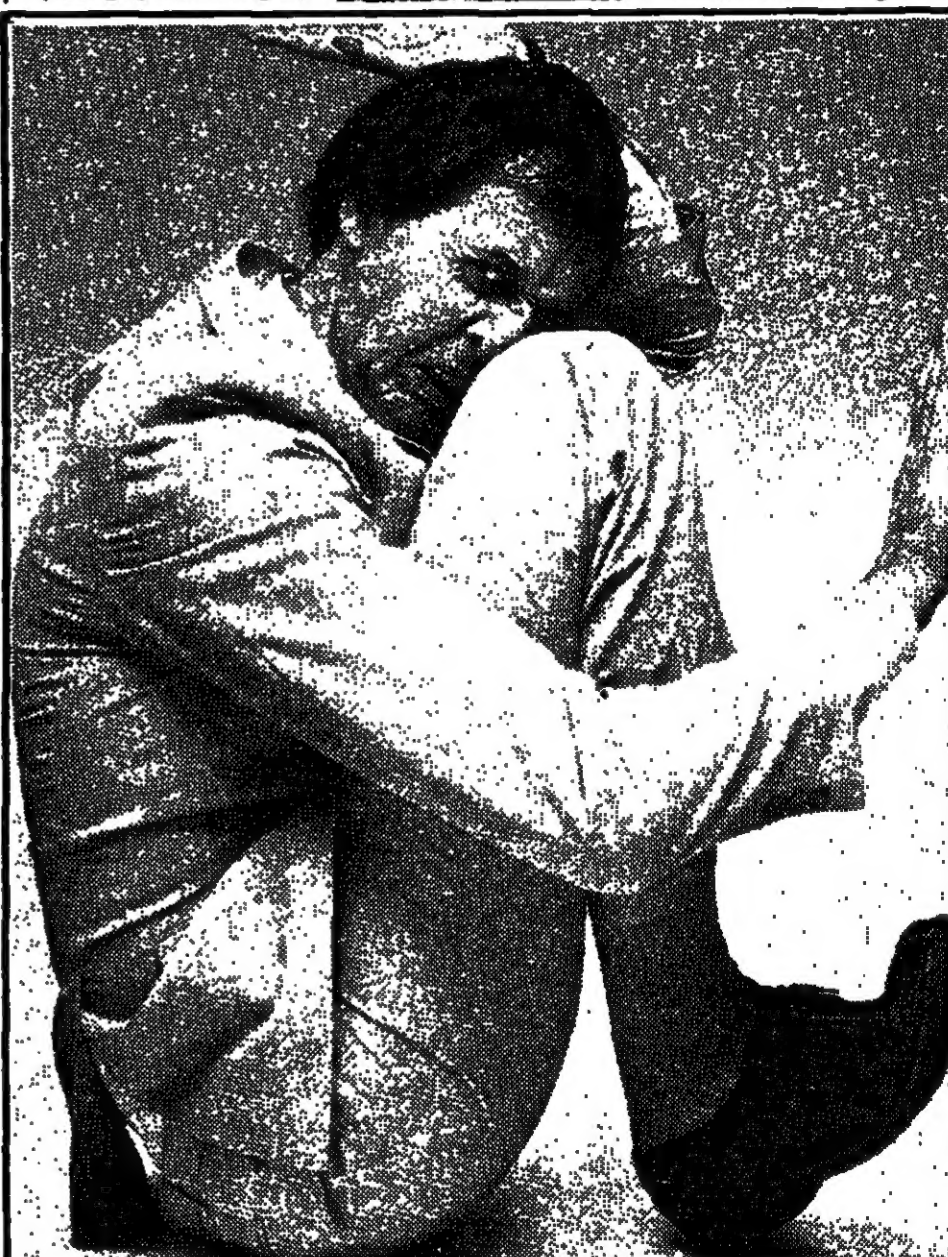
Several said they were alarmed at the "panic solutions" being put forward.

Mr David Gleniscross, director of television at the Independent Broadcasting Authority, said: "When something like this occurs the implication seems to be that broadcasters have never thought about this subject before."

"The way some pundits have jumped on the television bandwagon because of these horrific events at Hungerford is alarming."

The ITV companies are to reconsider showing *Tightrope*, starring Clint Eastwood as a homicide detective on the track of a sex killer, and *The Shining*, with Jack Nicholson as a caretaker under supernatural influence.

Thames Television is to go ahead with tonight's episode of *The Bill*.



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Killing is so thrilling for make-believe warriors

By Andrew Morgan



A California Commando player, armed with paintball gun, hunts rivals in the Sussex woods (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

The owners of Britain's 45 war games sites are taking heavy group bookings for next weekend, after a busy day last Sunday, when hundreds of combatants playfully killed each other.

At Skirmish, which has 25 franchised sites, the term "war games" is not discouraged but at others the preference is for "paintball combat".

The basic weapon, although varying in style, fires .68 calibre paintballs. On impact, the ball explodes and leaves a

dye, marking the victim's retirement from the game. In the London area, where there are 18 sites, the stalking and "killing" appeals to many City workers.

"If Michael Ryan had released his aggression in a game, then he might not have carried out his dreadful carnage", Mr Ian Storey, who runs California Commando, near Crowthorne in East Sussex, said.

Mr Storey is opposed to the term "war games". Even so, his promotional material still

exclaims: "Blow Away Your Competitors!"

Combatants, aged from 18 to 60, pay up to £30 for a day's mock carnage. Companies use the sites to increase team spirit.

Skirmish, Britain's biggest combat company, has a turnover of more than £1 million, making the three directors wealthy men. But the youngest, Mr Simon Peniston-Bird, aged 25, said: "Our games are tongue-in-cheek. Any potential psychotic killer would find Skirmish pretty dull."

The British Association Politicians 'hindering technology'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A businessman and scientist made a withering attack yesterday on politicians for the part they have played in hindering the advance of science and technology.

Sir Kenneth Durham, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, gave a warning that Britain was being left behind in the economic revolution that was driven by technology.

In his opening address to the association's annual meeting, at Queen's University, Belfast, he also rebuked scientists for their share of responsibility in a decline of the UK towards a "second or even third class" country.

Before introducing a strategy for survival, he had harsh words for others. He criticized the attitudes of teachers from school to university education, the stifling effect of the "cult of Oxbridge" and the lack of "awareness of media editors".

Sir Kenneth, a former director of research and chairman of Unilever and now chairman of Woolworths and deputy-chairman of British Aerospace, described the problem in four headings:

- The apathy of society at large
- An educational system that promotes this apathy
- Industry which has been less skilful than international competition in harnessing new technology
- Governments, of whatever colour, which do not see clearly their role in promoting science or funding research.

Sir Kenneth's belief that too few people care about science was reinforced in replies from all the party leaders to a letter from the British Association. He said: "Their views were not enlightening".

Their replies lacked a recognition that "the current economic revolution is science-led, and other countries are doing something about it".

He said economic recovery and growth over the next 10 years would be determined by the development and exploitation of new technology.

He had thought Mrs Margaret Thatcher's government was beginning to take more care, after recent studies describing the plight of British scientific research.

His optimism was "diluted" over Mrs Thatcher's refusal to fund the future plans for space research prepared by the British National Space Centre.

Sir Kenneth said he was not against cuts in public spending. He described the past cuts in universities as "stimulating, some creative thought about the efficient running of universities" but the dilemma lay in confusion over the activities covered by research and development.

He said industry should fund big "D" which is the most expensive part of the science and technology spec-

trum, and government should concentrate on those "R" projects likely to be important to the country, but unlikely to be funded by industry in the early stages of work.

In his judgement, the educational system failed to give proper weight to the crucial role of science in the school curriculum. He says science teachers need extra pay to overcome the scarcity of mathematics and physics teachers in secondary schools.

Sir Kenneth said: "Unless we deal with this as a matter of urgency, the outlook for our manufacturing future is bleak."

"Unfortunately, the teaching profession has been obsessed over the past 18 months by pay, status and negotiating conditions." They may feel underprivileged and underpaid, with some justice, he said.

But society had a right to expect the teaching profession to examine in a detached way the fundamental educational needs of this country as it went into the twenty-first century.

He regretted that headmasters and careers masters had for many years followed "the cult of Oxbridge".

He said there was nothing wrong in that, because those universities provide probably the best, certainly the most expensive, education in the world. But there had developed a culture which meant it was a disgrace to go to the Civil Service or banking, than to read engineering at, say, Salford, and go into manufacturing industry.

Sir Kenneth asked for more careful husbanding of budgets to teach science subjects to a wider group of people.

"If this is not achieved, we could produce a community that is scientifically more illiterate than ours is today. In less than 10 years, the manufacturing industry of this country would be uncompetitive in world markets."

Sir Kenneth said engineering-based companies estimated that a graduate aged 25 would need retraining seven to eight times during the course of a 40-year career.

As the cost of retraining was high, it was a compelling reason why the chairman of a company should take a keen interest in the impact of scientific developments on profitability.

Reporting of sciences gave good coverage to medical science, Sir Kenneth said. "This is understandable, as we are all concerned with our health and that of our families."

"Nevertheless, editors ought to be sensitive to developments in areas such as solid state physics, astrophysics, colloid science, molecular biology, transmission of stimuli along nerve fibres, and so on."

'College for heads' proposal scrapped

By Our Education Reporter

Plans for a £3 million "staff college" for head teachers, backed enthusiastically by ministers, are to be scrapped because of lack of support from local education authorities.

Although the forthcoming education Bill being prepared by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, sets out wide-ranging proposals for school self-management, it now seems that management training for heads is still a low priority for many authorities.

Dr Michael Hooker, London representative of the trust which offered to fund the training college, said yesterday that many local education chiefs "are only just beginning to face the consequences" of the new Bill and "would themselves admit to being unprepared for it".

Earlier this year Mr Baker gave his approval to proposals for a staff college capable of training up to fifty heads a time in management skills. The plan was endorsed by Mr John Jerwood, a Tokyo-based multimillionaire, who has offered £3 million for the scheme.

Dr Hooker, who is resigning as the head of Truman and Knightly, the educational advisers, at the end of next month, is soon to report to Mr Jerwood that several months of attempting to solicit support from chief education officers has had "poor" results.

Dr Hooker said yesterday: "The chief education officers have limited funds and enormous numbers of head teachers to be trained in management. They consider that a residential college would be far too costly for them in terms of accommodation and travel and would prefer local non-residential training courses."

One possibility is a peripatetic college taking training directly to heads around the country. Another, which some education chiefs said they would consider supporting, would be a college in Lincolnshire devoted to training education officials to train heads.

The Sirius was last night sailing back to The Netherlands.

Secretaries 'could halt big business'

Secretaries underrate their importance to commerce and industry, Miss Diana Duggan, a recruitment consultant, said yesterday (Robin Young writes).

She said that militant action among secretaries could cause more damage than a miners' strike, and blamed schools for promoting the idea that secretaries worked nine to five in typing pools.

A professional secretary could be working at a top level in Government or in high finance and industry. Commercial life would come to a halt without them."

Soldiers fly in and march back to war



Forty Americans who re-enact battles from the War of Independence arrived at Gatwick yesterday. English Heritage has invited them to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the American Constitution with events at Tilbury Fort, Essex, on Thursday (especially for children) and at Andley End, Essex, next Sunday and Monday (Picture: Dennis McNeelance).

Alcohol abuse conference

Concern over child drinking

By Kerry Gill

Underage drinkers are spending some £100 million a year on alcohol, with up to 40 per cent of children aged 15 buying drink from public houses, an expert on alcohol abuse said yesterday.

Mr Ken Barrie, director of the Alcohol Studies Centre, Paisley, Strathclyde, was speaking before the launch of Scotland's largest conference yet on drugs and alcohol, being held at Heriot-Watt University, near Edinburgh, this week.

More than 100 professional care workers are attending the five-day meeting which will look at the various aspects of drug and alcohol abuse.

Mr Barrie said alcohol abuse among young people was continuing to rise and in some areas such as deprived inner city districts it had become endemic.

The rate of young people using alcohol in Scotland was up to 30 per cent, but in England and Wales it had

risen to 40 per cent, he said.

While people were justifiably concerned at the risk of drug taking and the implications for hepatitis and Aids, abuse of alcohol was even more serious with nine out of 10 adults in this country using alcohol regularly.

Many of these people developed related problems and their trouble could be traced back to the start of drinking during their mid-teens.

Mr Barrie said there was a need for better regulation of public houses and more research into what caused young people to develop alcohol problems in later life.

"The more available any drug becomes, consumption will increase", he said. Mr Barrie said the British were drinking double the amount of alcohol consumed in 1960.

There had been a steep increase up until 1980 but consumption had slightly dropped since then because of the increase in price.

He said one problem was that there were now many public houses that targeted the 18-21 age group. Also, there were many more women drinking because their disposable income had risen relative to the males.

Many youngsters who went on to develop alcohol problems came from backgrounds with extreme views on drink, he said.

There was some evidence to show that parents who were violently against alcohol caused as many problems among their children as those who were "riotously for it".

Mr Barrie conceded, however, that some of the relaxation of licensing rules in Scotland had been good.

"The old 10 o'clock still, with people drinking against the clock and going bananas after it, has gone and there is evidence to show that people are going to the pubs later and drinking more slowly", he said.

Bequest to cathedral from actor

The Ely Cathedral Restoration Appeal, which celebrates its first anniversary next month, has been left a legacy of £100,000 by Hal Burton, the actor who had close ties with the city.

The trustees emphasize that the gift is still subject to probate procedures but foresee no reasonable objections to its being handed over.

Ely has also been awarded a grant of about £28,000 from the EEC, of which some 80 per cent has been received. The rest will be forthcoming on completion of the work.

The cash will go towards repairs to, and the strengthening of, the nave. The appeal stands at some £3.7 million.

The repairs began last January and will continue for about eighteen months. Basic repairs alone are expected to cost about £4 million. The EEC contribution was masterminded by Mr Amedee Turner, MEP for Suffolk and South-east Cambridgeshire, who is vice-president of the appeal. The grant was made under the programme for the conservation of important monuments.

Enid Blyton 'both loved and hated'

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Enid Blyton may still be the best loved children's author but she is also the most hated, a survey of Welsh children's reading habits indicates.

The survey, carried out in 1984 and published as part of a National Foundation for Educational Research study of Welsh language reading, found that Miss Blyton, for years accused of racism, sexism and mind-numbingly boring prose, was by far most frequently named as "my favourite author" by English-speaking Welsh children.

Her two best known series of adventure stories, the Famous Five and the Secret Seven, came first and third in a top 10 list of English books chosen by them.

But when children in a preliminary pilot study were asked to name "a book I did not like", the Famous Five topped the bill, just ahead of Robinson Crusoe, and the Secret Seven came fourth.

The children's tastes were deeply traditional. They favoured Tolkien, Kenneth Grahame and the American authors E.B. White and Louisa M. Alcott as much as

contemporary heroes such as Roald Dahl.

Favourite authors in the earlier pilot study included Charles Dickens, R.L. Stevenson, Catherine Cookson, L. Frank Baum (author of The Wizard of Oz) and E. Nesbit.

Mrs Eureen Price, head of the foundation's Welsh department, said that an encouraging feature of the study was the popularity of Welsh children's authors among bilingual children.

Their favourite author, English or Welsh, was T. Llew Jones, who writes imaginative historical mystery stories, and who, with two other Welsh authors, knocked Miss Blyton into fourth place.

Favourite books among the bilingual children were predominantly Welsh. No distinction was made in the study between books chosen by the children and those presented to them by teachers.

The most important reasons for liking a book, the 1,800 children from 102 primary schools said, were that it was exciting, interesting and funny.

Waste ship attack foiled

By Andrew Morgan

Greenpeace activists were foiled yesterday in an attack on the world's largest incinerator ship, Vulcanus II, after the crew twice used high-pressure hoses to prevent them boarding.

The Greenpeace team first approached the Vulcanus II, carrying 2,800 tonnes of toxic waste from Antwerp, Belgium, in the early hours of yesterday morning as it sailed towards a site to the east of Scarborough in the North Sea, where it was due to burn its cargo.

Greenpeace claims that the waste is largely organochlorines, known for their persistence. After burning a thick plume of smoke rises on the sea and toxic residues enter the food-chain, Greenpeace says.

Last year, 8,000 tonnes of toxic waste passed through British ports, mainly North Shields on the Tyne, to be burnt on the North Sea. The Vulcanus II and a West German incinerator ship, the Vesta, carried much of it.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries insists that waste with a high level of toxicity can be burnt only with the consent of other parties to an agreement, the Oslo Convention.

"Below that level, our scientists must be satisfied that there is no danger to the marine environment of human health. In addition, the fisheries are constantly examined to ensure the levels of chemicals are not above certain levels", a spokeswoman added.

The activists, based on the Greenpeace ship, Sirius, again used inflatable rafts in their first attack yesterday. Powerful searchlights and flares were used to illuminate the Vulcanus II but the crew, which has used hoses before on the group, successfully repulsed the Greenpeace team.

Greenpeace tried again later in the morning but again failed, with some of the crew suffering injuries. Mr Harold Zindler, aged 43, who was once shot at in Czechoslovakia after scaling a chimney, received a badly bruised eye.

Both the Vulcanus II and the Vesta, which Greenpeace successfully boarded at the weekend, yesterday started burning waste on the site. They are likely to continue for several days.

Mr Andrew Booth, the British Greenpeace co-ordinator, claimed the exercise was a success although the North Sea was receiving fall-out from the incinerators. "Our actions have highlighted the problem of toxic waste in the North Sea and many people will be aware of the issue from now on", he said.

Fagan denies indecency

Mr Michael Fagan, who allegedly danced in a street without his trousers, denied yesterday that he had been exposed himself.

Mr Fagan, aged 37, of Arran Walk, Islington, north London, is said to have committed the offence in Chingford Lane, Chingford, east London, on August 1. Waltham Forest magistrates sent him for trial and granted bail.

Crash police are arrested

Two policemen called to a suspected house break-in were arrested on suspicion of drink-driving after allegedly accepting a late-night drink from the house owner.

The officers, from Greater Manchester, were returning to the police station when their cars were in separate accidents. They were arrested and suspended.

HOW BANK AID HARMS THE WORLD. AN EXPERT SPEAKS.



This year, over \$30 billion - 300 times the sum raised by Band Aid - will be lent to Third World countries by international development banks.

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Nursing shortage: 2

NHS campaigns for perks to attract staff

Next month the Government is expected to announce a number of initiatives to combat the growing nursing recruitment crisis. The Department of Health and Social Security has already written to the four London regions and the Oxford Regional Health Authority asking them how they would use funds of between £5 million and £10 million to upgrade and refurbish nurses' homes.

The NHS Management Board is also negotiating with building societies and housing associations for favourable mortgage rates and low-cost housing so that nurses can rent or buy accommodation on NHS land.

Some pilot projects are already under way. In east Surrey, the site of a former hospital is being sold to the local authority for £2 million, with the health authority getting nomination rights for the first tenancies of 21 of the 75 houses to be built there.

In the second of two articles on nursing shortages, Jill Sherman looks at how the health service and the Government are trying to solve the crisis.

The moves mark an embarrassing about-turn by the Government, which three years ago said that the NHS could raise millions if it sold off accommodation for nurses and doctors and imposed time limits on how long they could stay.

Health authorities in the Home Counties, faced with up to 25 per cent of their nursing posts unfilled and desperate to beat each other in attracting staff, are not prepared to wait for government recruitment initiatives.

One district has appointed a nurse recruitment officer to seek nurses in key areas. Other health authorities have launched recruitment drives in the Irish Republic, where nurses, through a health service cash crisis, are being made redundant. Stoke

Mandeville successfully recruited 60 nurses in the republic recently.

Although authorities were told to reduce advertising after a Rayner study in 1984, some districts are using established recruitment agencies, which place large, appealing notices in the Press. Other districts are bending Whitley council rules by advertising more than the going rate for posts as staff nurses and sisters. One authority advertised twice unsuccessfully for a post and then increased the salary for a sister to £12,000.

Most managers agree that those short-term, emergency measures to gain staff will do nothing to solve the declining popularity of nursing. The Royal College of Nursing is pressing for a more flexible clinical grading structure

which would offer better career prospects and this is now being considered by a working party set up by the NHS Management Board.

Other longer-term solutions are enshrined in a document produced by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing and Midwifery, Project 2000.

The document calls for a common foundation course for all nurses and midwives and says that student nurses, who now comprise a quarter of the workforce but provide three-quarters of the service in wards, would become supernumerary.

Not surprisingly, the proposals are causing alarm in some health authorities, which realize that this will create further shortages.

Many managers, however, agree that where nurses are in short supply, they will have to be paid accordingly. A study commissioned by the 14 regional health authority chair-

men which is now being undertaken by the management consultants, Price Waterhouse, is likely to recommend regional variations in nurses' pay.

Recently, in correspondence to The Times, hospitals in London argued that they should be able to pay specialist nurses more. Local pay variations have already been introduced for NHS computer staff and the Government is trying to persuade administrative, clerical staff and speech therapists to accept similar deals.

Pressure will soon be put on the Nurses and Midwives Pay Review Body to recommend local pay flexibility in its report for next year's pay round. If that fails, the Government may be compelled to increase London weighting significantly, which at under £1,000 does little to compensate for high accommodation and living costs.

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WORLD SUMMARY

California tackles gun-toting drivers

Los Angeles — Mr George Deukmejian, the Governor of California, this week will sign a new emergency measure that will enable him to spend nearly \$30 million (£19 million) to hire an extra force of highway patrolmen to try and break the three-month epidemic of violence on California motorways (Ivor Davis writes).

Declaring that roadway gunslings "should be behind bars, not behind the wheel", the Governor urged the hiring of 150 highway patrolmen to curb the escalating violence that has left four dead and dozens wounded since late June.

This summer's wave of violence has prompted the introduction of other laws, including one that would make it an offence punishable by a prison term to carry an unlicensed gun in the driver's compartment of a car. Another Bill would send to prison for up to seven years anyone who fired a gun from a car. There are also moves to mount video cameras on motorway bridges to help investigate shootings.

Democrat on trial

Washington — Representative Mario Biaggi, a New York Democrat, went on trial yesterday in the first of two criminal cases in which he is accused of selling his influence (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Biaggi is accused of accepting free holidays from a long-time political friend in exchange for trying to help secure government contracts for a construction firm.

His indictment in March was followed by charges in June that he engaged in extortion, racketeering, fraud and perjury.

Izvestia scorn

Moscow (Reuter) — *Izvestia* yesterday dismissed the nationalist demonstration on Sunday in the Soviet Baltic republic of Lithuania as poorly attended, saying it showed that a propaganda campaign by the Western media had failed.

Izvestia added that "passions were running high" for two weeks on Western radio stations about the demonstration in Vilnius to mark the anniversary of the non-aggression pact between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union.

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Protesters arrested

Cuba City, Philippines (Reuter) — Riot police fired shots in the air and used fire hoses yesterday to disperse hundreds of strikers blocking a road here in protest at oil price increases. Police were seen clubbing some protesters, and scores of arrests were reported.

The strike by about 200 workers and "jeepney" (minibus) drivers in Cuba marked the start of a series of protests planned for this week by public transport groups and left-wing unions opposing a 20 per cent increase in petrol and fuel oil prices ordered by the Government.

Four shot by Sikhs

Delhi — Two Sikh extremists killed Mr Radhey Shyam, the Youth Congress (Y) committee president, on Monday near his house at Ludhiana, in Punjab (Kuldip Nayar writes). A curfew has been imposed in the city which is predominantly Hindu. Both extremists escaped.

Meanwhile, Sikh gunmen struck for the first time in Rajasthan on the same day, killing three policemen in Sriganganagar, where many Sikhs settled after migration from Pakistan in the wake of partition in 1947.

ID cards for monks

Columbo (Reuter) — Sri Lanka's Buddhist monks will be asked to carry identity cards because of intelligence reports that some Marxist guerrillas were disguised as monks, officials said yesterday. The Cultural Affairs Ministry is compiling lists of monks who would have to carry the cards.

Police had said Sinhalese rebels with the outlawed People's Liberation Front, a Marxist movement, were planning to disguise themselves as monks and cause violence on August 18, when Parliament was attacked.

Cannes casino strike

Paris — The exclusive Palm Beach Casino in Cannes has had to close temporarily because its staff are on strike in protest over a recent deal allowing "fruit machines" into casinos — and because the machines have South African connections (A Correspondent writes).

A French ban on the machines was lifted in the face of persistent losses, with more than half of the casinos threatened with closure in three years. Each machine costs £4,000 and can earn up to £100 a day. But staff at the Palm Beach see matters differently. Without warning they went on strike on Friday evening, protesting against a lack of job guarantees and at the fact that the machines were going to be bought partly with South African funds.

Arab League emergency meeting

Iran facing tough words from Tunis

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign ministers of the 21 Arab League countries yesterday were moving towards issuing a joint criticism of Iran's role in the Gulf War.

An emergency meeting of the Arab League in Tunis was debating a hard-line resolution which appeared likely to urge the United Nations Security Council to apply an arms embargo against the Tehran regime.

Britain and the United States have also been seeking agreement among the five permanent members of the Security Council.

New York (Reuter) — The Soviet Union opposes Security Council enforcement measures in the Gulf conflict until Iran's response to a Council ceasefire call becomes clearer, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Vladimir Petrovsky, said.

"Iran has displayed its readiness to continue its co-operation with the Secretary-General and negotiations are still going on. Iran's attitude deserves very serious attention," he told a press conference.

Security Council for an embargo in response to Iran's failure to observe Resolution 598 calling for a ceasefire.

An Arab League call for an embargo would be a far stronger response than expected, Iran's supporters in the League, led by Libya and Syria, have usually succeeded in toning down the Arab world's tendency to support Iraq.

A sense of outrage, which has been prompted by the riot by Iranian pilgrims in Mecca last month in which more than 400 people died, seemed in Tunis temporarily to have overcome the usual Arab lack

of unity. But a proposal to hold an Arab summit on the Gulf War, put forward by Kuwait, Libya, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization, could have a delaying effect. Inter-Arab disputes have frustrated many attempts to hold a full Arab summit since 1982.

The tone of the Tunis meeting was set by the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal. Abandoning Riyadh's traditional caution, he called for "unanimous and practical decisions to meet the challenges and obstacles of the Tehran regime", delegates said.

He went on to accuse Iran of "terrorist and destructive" behaviour towards its Gulf neighbours. He said Iran was engaged "on a path frankly hostile towards the Arab-Islamic nations" through its behaviour in Lebanon and Mecca and because of its "disturbing relationship" with Israel.

The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah, said the League should demand sanctions against Iran for its refusal to implement Resolution 598.

Syria, which has resisted efforts by Jordan and the United Arab Emirates to settle its dispute with Iraq, was under pressure at the meeting to drop its pro-Iranian line.

In Tehran, the Iranian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, said on a radio phone-in programme that he hoped Syria would not abandon Tehran. "Up to now, Syria has resisted (the pressure) well. We expect her to continue resisting and not forsake her fundamental stands," he said.

Hendrickse resigns after attacks by Botha

Cape Town (Reuter) — The Rev Allan Hendrickse, South Africa's only Coloured (mixed race) Cabinet Minister, yesterday announced he was quitting the Government and accused President Botha of insensitivity.

Mr Hendrickse told the House of Representatives, a junior parliamentary chamber set up by Mr Botha in 1984 for people classified as Coloured, that the President's attacks prompted his resignation.

Reading from a letter to Mr Botha, Mr Hendrickse said: "It is obvious that you are not prepared or willing to acknowledge the perceptions and feeling of others if these perceptions are not in line with your own. I therefore hereby tender my resignation from the Cabinet."

The Minister Without Portfolio did not say whether Mr Botha had accepted his resignation.

His departure leaves only one non-white in the Cabinet. He is Mr Amichand Rajbanshi, an Indian.

Mr Botha has frequently castigated Mr Hendrickse for criticizing apartheid laws and government crackdowns on black unrest, saying the Minister was obliged as a member of Cabinet to support the government line.

JOHANNESBURG: Three more miners have been killed and more than 20 others injured in mounting violence in South Africa's two-week-old gold and coal mine strike, which, employers yesterday claimed, was beginning to crack (Ray Kennedy writes).

Anglo American Corporation, the giant of the industry, called on the National Union of Mineworkers to resume negotiations which were broken off last week over ways to end the violence or "the killing will go on".

But Mr Bobby Godsell, the company's chief spokesman, refused to say if employers were willing to reopen talks on the union's demand for a flat 30 per cent pay increase against an offered 15 to 24.3 per cent rise. "We have a stance that the cash award is a fair one and that remains our position. But we are not setting pre-conditions — we say let's come back and talk."

Mr Godsell told a news conference that a miner had died from head wounds at President Steyn gold mine in the Orange Free State early yesterday after a clash between men who had "responded to the routine call-out" to work the dawn shift and strikers.

Three other non-strikers were injured in the assaults, he said. Mine security staff were forced to open fire with rubber bullets, wounding six more "assaults" who were taken to hospital.

Mr Godsell claimed that by 8 am, 3,100 men had gone underground at President Steyn's number four shaft, representing 60 per cent of the normal workforce.

The union claimed that at least 14 non-strikers were injured after security staff burst into the hostels at 4 am to force them to go to work. They then opened fire with rubber bullets.

The claims and counter-claims are impossible to verify independently as Anglo American Corporation, like all other companies involved in the strike, has refused the press access.

Earlier Johannesburg Consolidated Investments (JCI) reported that two miners had been killed during the weekend at its Western Areas gold mine in the western Transvaal.

On Sunday night another man was killed by "disgruntled workers thoroughly frustrated at attempts to prevent them from working", and a mine security guard was stabbed, JCI said.

Minister seeks Gadaffi aid for Waite

Coloel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, talking to Dr Graham Ferguson Lacey, an ordained Southern Baptist minister who has returned to Britain after a private visit to try to persuade the Colonel to help secure the release of the Archbishop of Canterbury's kidnapped special envoy, Mr Terry Waite.

Dr Lacey, who is English and a pastor-at-large in the United States, flew to the Libyan capital last week and held discussions with senior officials of the Libyan Foreign Affairs Ministry and the Islamic Call Society before spending more

than an hour talking and praying with Coloel Gadaffi on Saturday (Paul Eastham writes).

Dr Lacey presented the Coloel with a copy of the New Testament and Psalms.

A statement issued by Libya after the meeting said that Coloel Gadaffi had "assured Mr Lacey that he would use his best efforts for the cause of peace and God to obtain the release of Mr Terry Waite".

Dr Lacey said last night in London that he was convinced Coloel Gadaffi would send personal representatives to Presi-

dent Assad of Syria and Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran to argue for the release of Mr Waite, who went missing in Beirut on January 20 while trying to negotiate on behalf of two hostages.

Dr Lacey was executive producer of a world-wide religious television broadcast on Christmas Eve last year in which Mr Waite participated after the two men were introduced through a mutual friend.

He said he would be told within the next week by Libya officials of their assessment of the chances of getting Mr Waite released.

Salvage technology raises legal and moral issues

Congress seeks controls on scramble for sunken treasure

From Charles Bremner New York

The prospect of the Titanic's strong box being opened in a television spectacular has stiffened the resolve of American congressmen to control a race for billions of dollars of sunken treasure which is rapidly becoming accessible through new salvage techniques.

The Titanic is only one of six valuable wrecks now being worked by teams of well-equipped divers off the Americas. Up and down the US coasts, in territorial and international waters, expeditions are scooping up everything from pieces of eight to 19th century champagne.

As sophisticated sonar, computers and deep-diving technology push back the undersea horizons, congressmen and scientists are trying to find ways to protect what amounts to precious underwater ruins and also to share in the artefacts brought to the surface.

In one of the most spectacular operations now under way, the state of Massachusetts is trying to acquire rights to the wreck of the Whydah, a

pirate ship which Captain Black Sam Bellamy ran aground in territorial waters off Cape Cod in 1717. Scientists say the vessel, built for the slave trade, is the only such ship ever found and that it represents a time capsule of the pirate way of life.

The vessel has already yielded thousands of pieces of eight, cannon and gold bullion. The state is fighting Mr Barry Clifford, a professional treasure-hunter, for rights to the wreck.

Opponents of the old "finders-keepers" rules of salvage are citing the case of the HMS de Braak, an 18th century British warship, the hull of which was effectively destroyed when salvage workers brought it up from the bottom of Delaware Bay last August.

Congress has already passed a Bill prohibiting importation of Titanic artefacts, and it is debating proposals for a national system of controls to protect wrecks without deterring the organizations which risk lives and money to find them.

But, while laws may be passed enabling states to claim jurisdiction

over wrecks in national waters, legal experts are questioning attempts by the courts and Congress to regulate jurisdiction over treasure under the high seas.

A test case is now being fought in North Carolina, where a federal court has given exclusive rights to a salvage company to try to recover a huge cargo of gold bullion from the California gold rush lying in the wreck of the paddle-steamer Central America 160 miles off the coast. The ship sank in waters 1½ miles deep in 1857 on its way to New York carrying government-owned gold that would now be worth billions of dollars.

The Columbus group asked the court to protect it from rival treasure hunters. Its opponents, who are appealing against the ruling, say it could set a precedent that could trigger international disputes.

"International waters are free and open to navigation of all peoples," Mr Michael Sterling, a lawyer for the opponents said. "Right now the French Government is salvaging the Titanic. If someone brought a piece

of the Titanic into an American court and asked the court to rule on who could salvage the ship you would have an international incident."

The Columbus group won its initial suit after convincing the judge that it was proceeding on scientific lines and needed a court order to help preserve the integrity of the wreck from less scrupulous operators.

Legal precedent or congressional action could also affect operations at another spectacular wreck, the RMS Republic, a White Star liner which sank in 1909 after a collision 55 miles off Nantucket, in Massachusetts.

The accident was the biggest liner disaster before the Titanic, and it led to what is still one of the largest sea rescues in history. More than 1,500 people were saved, thanks to the first wireless distress signal to be broadcast.

Divers have already brought up plates and the bottles of 1898 champagne, said to still be drinkable. They are looking for the ship's

cargo of bullion now believed to be worth \$1.6 billion (£993 million).

"People have wasted money on treasure hunts for years," Mr Martin Baylerie, the New York businessman running the Republic operation, said. "Now that the technology has developed, it's a business situation more than a gamble."

Many of the salvage operators deny they are plunderers and emphasize their attempts to preserve their finds for the sake of science. This is the case of the Titanic operation, carried out by a French Government-owned institute on behalf of a consortium of international investors.

Taurus International, the French company directing the expedition, says it was taken aback by the accusations that it was desecrating a maritime memorial, and it is holding a press conference in New York today to try to repair the damage.

"I believe we preserve it better by bringing these things up and putting them in museums for the public," Mr Robert Chappaz, director of Taurus, said.

Surprise at switch in Hess burial place



Herr Karl Walter, the Mayor of Wunsiedel, left, announcing yesterday that Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess had been buried elsewhere, while the Rev Peter Zeisler, right, who was to have conducted the funeral service, wipes his brow.



The last British Spandau guard

Berlin (Reuter) — British troops yesterday moved in to guard Spandau prison as officials prepared for the demolition of the building in which Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy and its last inmate, died on Monday last week, apparently by his own hand.

The British soldiers marched through the green gates to relieve US troops who were guarding the perimeter of the red-brick prison when Hess died.

"The jail will be guarded until it's finally pulled down and the rubble removed. We don't want intruders spilling over the walls," an Allied official said.

Allied sources said documents, including a complete log of Hess's 40-year imprisonment, were being

copied for the archives of the four powers. Some personal items would be given back to his family, but others, such as the flying suit he wore on his dramatic 1941 flight to Britain, would be taken away and burnt. The sources said some items, such as Hess's flying boots and goggles, had disappeared.

VIENNA: Thirteen Austrians were arrested for mourning Hess outside St Stephen's Cathedral in central Vienna on Sunday night, police said yesterday.

"We detained them because their demonstration violated the law banning neo-Nazi activities here and they are now being investigated by the Vienna County Court," a police spokesman said.

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Russians hit town for barbecue diplomacy summit

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, opening an unprecedented conference between Soviet and American citizens, called for a "new realism" in American foreign policy and said that the time had come to put an end to the cold war.

He attacked what he called the "stupidity" of spending trillions of dollars for weapons that would never be fired at the expense of millions of people who were hungry, uneducated and uncared for.

Mr Cuomo's speech marked the opening of the weekend of an extraordinary gathering in the sleepy town of Chautauqua, in New York state, of about 250 Russians, including leading economists, scientists, arms control experts and cultural figures, who are exchanging views with their American counterparts.

President Reagan is to deliver an important speech to the meeting tomorrow, by satellite from his California ranch, in which he will set the tone for his dealings with the Russians for the remainder of his presidency. The speech is also being broadcast directly to the Soviet Union.

Mr Reagan is expected to avoid the harsh rhetoric of his first term, but will challenge Moscow to match its positive words with deeds. And in a speech designed to reassure anxious conservatives here that he has not gone "soft on communism", he will insist superpower relations can improve only if both sides deal frankly with such issues as

regional conflicts, including Nicaragua.

The Chautauqua conference is in return for a similar meeting in Lithuania last autumn, which was overshadowed by the arrest in Moscow of Mr Nicholas Daniloff, a reporter for US News & World Report.

The Russians have sent a high-powered delegation here this year, led by Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman astronaut, and including Mr Vladimir Petrovsky, a deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Nikolai Chevrov, the head of the arms control directorate of the Soviet General Staff, three members of the Communist Party Central Committee, and lawyers, professors and even ordinary people such as a long-distance telephone operator who speaks no English.

The delegation is like a *Who's Who* of Mr Gorbachev's glasnost campaign, and has agreed to unprecedented mingling with ordinary Americans. Many of the Russians are staying with local families, who have enthusiastically been learning some Russian and organizing welcome parades, barbecues, concerts and social activities for the five-day gathering.

Among the Americans attending are Senator Bill Bradley, of New Jersey, and Mr John Whitehead, the deputy Secretary of State. Mr Daniloff also appeared on the opening day, but kept his distance from the Soviet delegation.

Spain wants France to help more against Eta

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, is meeting President Mitterrand at the French President's summer home in south-west France today to discuss increased collaboration against Eta terrorism.

The Spanish anti-terrorism authorities are known to feel that the French police could do much more to arrest and hand over Eta leaders held directly responsible by Madrid for terrorist attacks and believed still to be enjoying sanctuary in French territory.

About 90 suspected members of the Basque armed separatist organization have

been handed over since both governments agreed to increase collaboration.

But Madrid has been disappointed by the importance of those crossing the frontier. Former Eta activists have, in fact, accepted the handing over by the police as official cover for a return to normal life in Spain.

Today's meeting takes place against a background of reports that the Spanish authorities have been quietly engaged in renewed contacts with veteran Eta leaders, such as those now living in Algeria, about a negotiated end to Basque violence.

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Pinochet softens image for power struggle

From Eduardo Cae, Santiago

President Pinochet, Chile's right-wing dictator for 14 years, is on the campaign trail. Full-colour photographs in the government-controlled press show him lifting a young boy in a grandfatherly gesture at the opening of a new housing project. Television advertisements focus on his smiling face as an off-screen announcer declares: "Chile - moving forward with a firm step towards national unity."

As the national plebiscite that will decide who will be the country's next ruler draws near, there are strong signs that President Pinochet, aged 71, has no intention of stepping down despite a desire for change within the military and pressure from Washington.

Under the Chilean Constitution, which was written to President Pinochet's specifications and which became effective in 1981, the four-man military junta must unanimously agree on a single candidate, who must then win approval in a nationwide "yes" or "no" vote.

If approved by the electorate, the new President will serve an eight-year term ending in 1997. If the "no" vote were to win, General Pinochet would remain in office for another year, when an open presidential election would be held at the same time as congressional elections.

"No one seriously doubts that Pinochet wants to be the candidate, and he will do all he can to get the nominations and win the plebiscite," said a Western diplomat.

Nevertheless, there are signs that the President may not be able to impose his will on the military. "I don't think that the necessary conditions that would allow him to stay will present themselves," said Senator Federico Willoughby.

Macdonald, a former government spokesman who has known the President for 24 years.

The three military commanders who make up the ruling junta with President Pinochet - Admiral José Toribio Merino of the Navy, General Fernando Matthei of the Air Force, and General Rodolfo Stange of the National Police - have indicated publicly in recent weeks that the President should be replaced, ideally by a conservative civilian more palatable to Washington.

Political analysts here believe that the President's strategy is to persuade the other junta members that the choice is between him and chaos, and they say that the renewed emphasis by government officials on the alleged Marxist-inspired terrorist threat to Chile is part of this strategy.

The analysts say the recent return of Senator Sergio Fernández, who had a key hand in drafting the 1981 Constitution, to his former post as Interior Minister is a strong signal to the political opposition that the Government will not give in to pressure to reform the Constitution and hold free elections in place of the scheduled plebiscite.

Chile's disjointed political opposition has turned the free election issue into a rallying cry, with parties from Renovación Nacional on the right to the Socialists on the left supporting the effort to reform the Constitution. Only the strong Communist Party and the extreme right wing are against it.

With opinion polls giving President Pinochet only about 25 per cent of the vote in the plebiscite, the opposition hopes rest on their ability to register at least six million of



An Army officer in Santiago greeting President Pinochet on Sunday, the 14th anniversary of the day the President became Commander-in-Chief. Observers believe the military is looking for a president who is more acceptable to Washington.

the eight million voters before election day, which many believe will be September 11 next year.

To date, only about 1.5 million voters have registered, with most of them thought to be supporters of the Government. "If we register seven million voters, Pinochet will know that he has been defeated, and we will then have a free election because the military are aware that they can't not accept the consequences of a 'no' vote in the plebiscite,"

said Señor Ricardo Lagos, a leader of one of two leading socialist parties.

The main force behind the campaign for free elections is Señor Sergio Molina, a respected Christian Democrat who was instrumental in drafting the 1985 National Accord, signed by 11 political parties, that many believe could serve as the basis for a common opposition platform. Señor Molina is trying to do what many believe impossible in Chile - bring the main

opposition groups into a single party with a common programme and candidate.

The Christian Democrats, the single largest political group, are the key to the plan's success. But it is far from certain that they, or Renovación Nacional on the right, will agree to a joint platform.

"The best gift we can give Pinochet is to become allied with the Socialists and Christian Democrats, because then our followers will vote for him," said Señor Andrés

Allamand of Renovación Nacional.

The Chilean political opposition appears conscious that only by presenting a moderate programme and a moderate candidate will it have a chance to defeat President Pinochet.

"The Chilean people want a moderate democracy," said Señor Willoughby-Macdonald. "If the opposition is unable to offer that, then it will keep Pinochet in power yet again."

Mother Teresa in Moscow

Russia accepts nuns of charity

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet Union is to let Mother Teresa of Calcutta send nuns to the country to help with charity work.

The unprecedented venture was announced yesterday by Mr Genrikh Borovik, president of the Soviet Peace Committee.

Mother Teresa, who ends a highly-publicized visit to the Soviet Union today, said she had offered the services of four of her nuns to the Soviet Union, and envisaged that they would work in a children's home, a hospital or an old people's home. Details of the venture have yet to be settled.

Mother Teresa has, during a five-day visit, been to Kiev and to a newly-built settlement for families of Chernobyl evacuees. She said she had been impressed by the speed and care with which people had been housed after the nuclear disaster.

Carefully avoiding political comment, she said she had been trying for many years to come to the Soviet Union, and was overjoyed when the Soviet Peace Committee recently invited her.

Mother Teresa presented a sharp contrast to the Soviet dignitaries accompanying her. She spoke without notes and with total commitment of things rarely aired in public in the Soviet Union - such as faith, charity and love. Soviet journalists and guests in the audience were visibly moved.

As well as representing an overture towards the Catholic Church, Mother Teresa's visit

is also seen as part of a concerted attempt by the Soviet authorities to inject more compassion and human generosity into what has over the years become a harsh and self-seeking society.

After the revolution, voluntary organizations were disbanded and religious orders forbidden to perform charitable work. It was argued then that a socialist state provided for all equally.

Now that much state provision has proved inadequate and corrupt, the concepts of voluntary work and giving to charities are being revived. A recent example is a new fund to help abandoned children.

Practices criticized: Some hallowed institutions of the Soviet political system, including unanimous voting at meetings and unlimited terms of office for officials, were criticized yesterday by Pravda.

An article by Mr Eduard Kuzmin, an official attached to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the country's highest legislative body, said that such practices had led to the "rubber stamp" and officials losing touch with the people they were supposed to represent. They were incompatible with the present process of democratization, he said.

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, broached the subject of limited terms of office for party and government officials before the last party congress, but the suggestion was not taken up.

Canadian railways paralysed by strike

Ottawa - Canada's continent-wide rail system was shut down yesterday by a strike of nearly 50,000 employees of Canadian National and Canadian Pacific, the country's two national railways (John Best writes).

The nine leading unions involved want guarantees written into their contracts against lay-offs. Negotiations collapsed on Sunday.

Alternative travel by bus and air was organized for thousands of tourists.

Cheat to die - Wang Jilong, a Chinese businessman, was sentenced to death and his partner Liu Meiming to life imprisonment for obtaining nearly \$3 million by cheating on construction contracts and embezzling. Their sentencing at a public rally, with four accomplices, was shown on Chinese television.

Boat bandits

Venice (AP) - Bandits raided the Hotel Excelsior on the island of Lido, looted its safe deposit boxes and fled on a speedboat, taking along a hotel employee whom they later released.

Girl missing

New York (AP) - Miss Solveig Huvig, aged 17, a Norwegian, has disappeared from a Times Square hotel hours before she was supposed to fly out of the US, and her sister Marlene has appealed to the FBI for help in finding her.

Tunnel inferno

Peking (AP) - About 1,000 firemen, soldiers and workers have brought under control an inferno inside a railway tunnel near Lanzhou in western Gansu province. It was caused by the derailment of a train carrying petrol and oil.

Chair death

Angola, Louisiana (AP) - Sterling Rault, aged 36, an accountant who raped and then murdered his secretary because he feared she would expose his embezzlement of \$84,000 has been executed in Louisiana's electric chair.

Drug play fails

Delhi (AP) - Narcotics agents have arrested four members of an international drugs ring, including a woman who brought along her 11-year-old daughter to avert suspicion, moments before they were to ship \$1.9 million worth of heroin to Spain.

Traffic toll

Madrid (AP) - Excessive speed and unsafe passing claimed another 74 lives on Spanish motorways over the weekend, bringing the total killed on the motorways during summer holiday weekends to 362 since July 1.

Minds match

New York (AP) - Dr Robert Jarvik, inventor of the artificial heart, has married Miss Marilyn von Savant, possessor of the world's highest IQ of 230, according to the Guinness Book of Records.

MX monitoring attacked

US halts tests on strategic missile

From Michael Biryon, Washington

The US Air Force has decided to suspend all test flights of the MX strategic missile and set up a special group to study its accuracy after a biting congressional report outlining serious problems in the missile's guidance system.

The House Armed Services Committee blamed the air force for poor monitoring of the MX programme and for failing to notify Congress of serious problems in the missile, which the USAF has called the keystone of American strategic defence.

The report concluded, after a five-month investigation,



Mr Aspin: "A giant question mark" over MX.

that "as a result of significant management deficiencies and ineffective programme monitoring, serious questions of confidence" had arisen in the 22 MX missiles already deployed in Wyoming silos.

The committee had previously disclosed that only 14 of the deployed MX missiles were considered "on alert", or ready for wartime use, while the remaining eight at present do not have guidance systems to ensure they can hit targets with pinpoint accuracy.

The accuracy of the 10-headed missile is considered its most important characteristic, essential to counter Soviet proposals to keep their missiles in hardened silos. The Administration wants to build 100 MX missiles, but Congress has so far authorized only 50, to be deployed in Wyoming by 1988.

Mr Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said: "At this point a giant question mark hangs over the MX." He said that only five of 17 tests held so far used the guidance system that will actually be deployed, and of those five two fell outside the target zone. Another Democrat Congressman accused the air force of trying to cover up the problems.

The report criticized the management of Northrop, the manufacturers, and said criminal charges may be filed over its practice of creating dummy firms to buy parts to avoid the normal procurement process.

General Charles May, the air force deputy director of advanced programmes, said they were "pretty damn happy" with the missiles' accuracy. But he confirmed that the three remaining MX test flights would be delayed so that the air force could better evaluate the accuracy.

He also denied any air force cover-up of the problems with the trouble-plagued missile, which has already far exceeded estimated costs.

The Congressional investigators were particularly angry that the air force assured Congress in 1985 that a delay in Northrop's production of the missiles would not have any impact on the contract. It now turns out that, three months earlier, the air force had written to the company saying its inability to live up to reasonable delivery dates had endangered deployment of the missile.

The report said that the air force had discouraged a wider Pentagon investigation, and had put a premium on "pushing components and missiles out of the door as quickly as possible".

Meanwhile, another missile failed to hit its target in a test at Cape Canaveral late on Sunday, air force officials revealed yesterday. A Trident I carrying a dummy warhead was test-fired from a submarine and suffered a third-stage failure and fell short of its target.

Economic crisis plagues the moshavim

In the second of two articles on the rivalry between the old-established collectives and farming co-operatives of Israel and the modern hilltop settlements established to control territory occupied since the 1967 Six-Day War, Ian Murray reports from a traditional moshav, Kfar Yehezkel.

The soil is rich and has brought wealth to the Yizreel Valley. The settlements, strung out along the main road from Bet Shean to Afula, are well established in their green fields, with tall, old trees sheltering the pleasant homes of the farmers. It is hard to credit that they are threatened by what they call "the crisis".

They speak of it in hushed, unbelieving tones. It has come as suddenly as a plague and its long-term consequences pose the most serious threat to the established lifestyle of the valley since the first modern Jewish settlers 65 years ago drained the malarial swamp to win land for their farms.

The crisis is the economic one which has almost overwhelmed the kibbutz and moshav movements over the past two years. Interest on their combined debts is now running at an estimated million dollars (\$614,000) a day and despite a promised government rescue package, which has yet to be implemented, it now seems inevitable that some will be forced into bankruptcy and others will need to close down

at least parts of their operations. To survive into the future the more hard-headed are talking of a change in the philosophy of collective co-operations which was the ideological cornerstone of the founding fathers.

The moshav can lay claim to having created Israel's farming economy. The first one was set up in the Yizreel Valley in 1921 by settlers who wanted a more private life-

Israel's rival settlers Part 2

style than existed on a kibbutz where everything is shared. Each moshav member has his own home and farmland, buying and selling through a co-operative, but earning as much as he can individually produce.

Today there are about 450 of them, and they produce half of Israel's food and half of its farm exports. Business was booming and blossoming until two years ago. The crisis came

as a direct result of the economic austerity package brought in to curb the country's runaway inflation. Like so many others, the moshavim ran up big debts, buying new equipment and spending money on new projects like abattoirs, refrigeration plants and tanning factories.

When the squeeze was applied, they were trapped paying huge interest rates, and many found these payments exceeded their new, squeezed income. Because the co-operatives were responsible for the debts, the wealthier moshavim found themselves having to pay for the poorer ones, and a domino effect has begun with the debts of the weak sapping the resources of the strong.

Kfar Yehezkel is still strong. Its 80 farms have an annual income of \$12 million (\$7.4 million) and by the time the overheads are paid and the debts serviced there is still \$2.5 million (£1.5 million) to share out.

But in microcosm this moshav exemplifies the problem of the whole movement. Mr Uri Eshet is 43 and is once more head of the council. His last time in office was in the good old carefree days when money flowed like milk from the dairies and was as plentiful

as the olives in the orchards. Then, he remembers nostalgically, it was just a question of day-to-day organizing and making sure that everyone received the proper share of the profits.

Today he feels squeezed between the financial institutions which want their money

Jerusalem - The Government's economic policy of maintaining high interest rates was attacked by a senior minister yesterday (Ian Murray writes). Mr Aryeh Nebamkin, the Agriculture Minister, told the Knesset that the rates were destroying the productive sections of the economy. He was concerned about how this was affecting agricultural settlements, especially the moshavim co-operatives.

back and the farmers who want money as usual. Inside this community are 12 families now so deeply in debt that their personal financial problems are insoluble. Their land is not big enough to earn the kind of money they need to pay their debts. Yet, as moshav members, they continue to live like everyone else, drawing allowances, running up credit at the shop, adding each day to their debt and leaving the moshav to bail them out.

"The last few years have

been good years with regard to production and prices but in spite of it, high interest rates and costs have made things more and more difficult," says Mr Eshet.

"We gave loans too easily in the past. We were too naive in our beliefs in the co-operative system. We have to change the system. There will have to be a natural selection of the successful ones."

His moshav of the future would cease to be the simple farming community envisaged by the founders. Its population would double to include town families who wanted to enjoy the country quality of home life while commuting to work.

"The co-operative should be based on economic interest. We cannot go on paying for social considerations. It will create a sounder basis suited to today's needs," Mr Eshet says in words that would have shocked his grandparents when they moved to the valley.

Kfar Yehezkel faces the spring where Gideon chose his warriors from among the careful ones who drank from their cupped hands rather than greedily plunging their heads into the water. A similar kind of selection is looming for the moshavim.

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Suharto denies family fraud

From A Correspondent, Jakarta

President Suharto of Indonesia has publicly denied that a \$7.5 million charity fund under the chairmanship of his wife has been misused for "personal, family or group" purposes.

Speaking on the first anniversary of the creation of the fund, the President said that every penny of the money had been and would be used for the victims of natural disasters, adding that the money had been banked - although he did not name the bank - and that anyone could check the figures.

General Suharto's wife, Madame Tien, said she had been moved by children who emptied their piggy banks to provide for the needy.

Indonesian newspapers yesterday carried front-page re-

ports of the President's denial, although none of them had published the widespread rumours over the use of the fund, for which the main contributions came from businessmen.

Observers saw the usually



President Suharto: Sensitive about family matters.

reticent President's denial as out of the ordinary, but pointed out that he was known to be extremely sensitive about family matters.

In 1985 when an Australian newspaper carried a story about the alleged wealth of members of his family and associates, Australian tourists found themselves barred from visa-free entry for a day, and Australian journalists resident in Indonesia were told they could not extend their visas.

This year an American financial journalist who had detailed the Suharto family's business interests in a series of articles was notified that his visa would not be renewed.

Economists and foreign observers generally give the retired general top marks for his management of the Indonesian economy.

Inflation in China

Peking to press on with reform of price system

Peking (Reuters) - China vowed yesterday to continue with controversial price reform despite an announcement on Sunday that it would curb rapid increases in prices of food and consumer goods for the rest of the year.

The People's Daily published in full a speech by Mr Yuan Mu, spokesman of the State Council, who said there was no going back on China's determination to overhaul its "irrational price system".

China announced urgent steps on Sunday to curb increases in prices of food and consumer and industrial goods that have risen sharply regardless of a promise by the State Council in January that prices this year would be stable.

Inflation was officially put at 6.3 per cent in the first half of 1987, but diplomats said this was an underestimate.

Mr Yuan said that, in order to develop its economy, China had no choice but to loosen control on prices, except for those on a small number of necessities.

He said the increased supply of commodities in the market in the past few years since price reforms began was evident to everyone, and he blamed the rising prices on illegal price increases by state firms and private businessmen and on poor management and control of the markets.

Loosening control on prices is a key element in the economic reforms of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, which are aimed at making full use of China's vast industrial and human resources.

A Western diplomat said that it looked as if the state

had lost control over prices and did not know what to do about them.

"Peking has given too much autonomy to regions and individual firms to recentralize again. Administrative controls do not work. There are too many lorries driving around out there with goods falling off the back of them," he said.

Mr Yuan said China would pay more subsidies to stabilize prices of meat, poultry and eggs and would allocate several million tonnes of cheap foodgrain a year to pig farmers in an effort to reduce the falling production of pork, China's staple meat.

The diplomat said that, as a result, China's exports of corn would fall because more corn would have to be diverted to feed the pigs.

Mr Yuan put part of the blame for the price increases on state and private firms misusing monopolies, fixing prices illegally and falsely labelling poor goods as high quality. They are able to do this because demand for so many goods is running well ahead of supply, in spite of repeated orders from Peking to departments and individuals to cut spending.

The Shanghai Liberation Daily gave an example of this imbalance, which is making life so difficult for economic planners in Peking. Consumers in Shanghai this year want 470,000 refrigerators, but its four factories will be able to supply only 67,000 as they lack imported key parts.

Imports were cut as prices rose sharply this year, resulting in many of Shanghai's production lines "having a big sleep", the newspaper said.

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Divided by a common salary

The geography of pay is frequently neglected as a factor in deciding what we should be paid, and it is an area where the north sometimes wins the north-south argument. William Greaves meets victims and victors and examines other key considerations in the search for the right salary

Photographs by Bill Warhurst

When general election voters and social economists talk of the north-south divide they have two images in mind. On the one hand, a once-great industrial powerhouse of the nation becalmed into a state of joblessness and hopeless resignation. On the other, a contentedly-fat cat, stretched out in the certainty of its next meal.

When Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, contemplates "two Britains", her contrast tends to be chip butties washed down with several pints of mild ale "up there" and avocado mousse, attended by a delicate bottle of calorie-conscious Chablis "down here".

David Boyce and Alban Fay, as representative head teachers from each camp, also find time to consider that invisible line which separates their respective fortunes. But, for them, the archetypal imagery of an embattled north and a golden south has somehow gone wrong. If the left and right banks

of the Trent really are the big divide, then why is the river suddenly flowing in the wrong direction?

Both men are respected professional members of their local community. Until similar pay rises came into effect later this year, Boyce earned £16,915 a year and Fay £16,500. Both are quietly-spoken, unpretentious family men in their 50s and both live in three-bedroom semi-detached homes. There the comparison ends.

Fay can walk a few yards from the pleasant, inner-suburban, tree-lined street where he lives and gaze upon the Pennine hills. Or he can travel, in 15 minutes, to the theatres and super-stores of Manchester's city centre.

Boyce is condemned to being ensnared in a seemingly endless East London sprawl, 90 minutes — and a £3 return tube ticket away from the West End.

In quality of existence and financial constraint, the lifestyles of the two men and their families are equally removed from each other. And still in the "wrong" direction.

Boyce and Fay have long since realized that personal prosperity bears little relationship to the computerized figures on a pay slip.

As for neighbours comparing their relative incomes, the hidden differences lie not in location but in the perks of the job.

How easy is it, though, to define in real benefit terms the tax-free carrots which employers dangle? "Very difficult," says Denis Crowe, editor of *Income Data Services' Top Pay Unit Review*. "If BUPA membership, for instance, is something which someone feels to be essential and would subscribe to out of his own pocket if he had to, then it is very valuable."

"If he wouldn't have bothered with it otherwise, then it is worth a great deal less. That is why an American idea — offering an employee a catalogue of perks to choose from up to an agreed overall benefit — is catching on fast in Britain."

"But, making certain presumptions, such as your annual mileage being around 12,000, the value of a company car to its recipient can be categorized. An Austin Montego 1.6L to someone paying 27 per cent tax is worth an additional £3,600 on his annual salary."

"To someone paying 40 per cent tax the same car is worth an additional £4,200. At 50 per cent a Rover Starting 2.5 litre works out at another £1,200 on top and, in an extreme case, a person paying 60 per cent tax can regard a company BMW 735 as the equivalent of an extra £27,000 on salary."

"And, although harder to assess precisely, a pension scheme which enables its holder to draw out up to £150,000 tax-free is almost certainly the most valuable asset of all."

But in perks-starved education, the hidden factor dividing the Boyces and the Fays is to be found in the only tangible measurement that separates them — 180 miles.

A report by Reward Regional Surveys, a Staffordshire consultancy, shows that company executives in the south-east, although highly paid, were generally under-compensated for extraordinary steep — and rising — house prices, commuting and general living expenses. Blaming centrally-negotiated pay and conditions scales, the report says "that the beaches of the Mediterranean are full of the provincial beneficiaries of this approach."

A survey of the cost of living by the same company shows that an employee on an income similar to Boyce's would need anything between £4,500 and £7,000 a year — depending on the cost of daily commuting — as a London dweller to maintain a standard of living comparable to a counter-



Your money or your lifestyle: The Boyce family (left), do badly in London by comparison with Alban and Kathleen Fay in Lancashire



Similar income and similar housing — the real gap in living standards between these families is 180 miles

part in the provinces. Boyce's weighting is a mere £1,215 a year.

How does the disparity between these statistics affect the daily lives of the two headmasters?

Alban and Kathleen Fay have brought up five children and live with the two youngest — John, aged 22, and Matthew, 15 — in a roomy, early 1930s house worth about £40,000. For 24 years he has been headmaster of St Augustine's primary school in Hulme, Manchester. Kathleen works as a nursery nurse, earning £6,500 a year.

"I suppose our biggest luxury," Alban Fay says, "is that we do run two cars — a Vauxhall Cavalier and a Mini, which are both four years old. We can afford to keep them in good condition and prefer to run them both than have one new one."

"We've been abroad for our holidays four times in the last six years and the only reason we didn't go this year was because I was *hors de combat* with a medical condition. About once every three weeks my wife and I go out for a

meal, usually French or English, and spend around £15 for the two of us, without wine because we prefer to have that at home afterwards. I don't belong to any clubs and I don't play golf, but we do have spates of going to the theatre."

"Most of the shops we need are half a mile away in Chorlton but if we want to go into Manchester city centre it only takes a quarter of an hour to drive in. Usually we have people in to do our decorating and house maintenance, although I do enjoy doing some of it myself as a relaxation."

The Fays have £5,000 in life assurance and insurance bonds and seem contented with an unimpressive but largely worry-free life.

"People say that we are better off here than in the London area and I would subscribe to that view myself," Alban Fay says. "I certainly couldn't stand a lot of travelling to and from work."

In Hornchurch, David Boyce is also disinclined to complain about his lot, although the differences in

what he can afford are repetitively apparent.

It is 15 years since he gave up the headship of a primary school in Paddington — "it used to take me at least three hours a day to get to work and back" — and took over Thomas Arnold junior school in Dagenham, six miles, and about half an hour away.

His wife Nola works as a part-time nurse at the local hospital and they have two daughters, Sarah, aged 20, and Julia, 18. The family live in a small, neat semi with a shared driveway, worth about £80,000.

"We have toyed with the idea of moving a bit nearer the country but I'm just not prepared to take out a £30,000 or £40,000 mortgage," Boyce says. "Although my family likes to go abroad for holidays — they have just got back from 10 days in Italy — I don't go myself. I prefer to get on with jobs around the house."

"The last time we went out for a meal was to a little Indian

restaurant in Upminster in June, on Julia's birthday. I suppose we go out to eat three or four times a year. Nola would like to do so more often, as a change from cooking. Last March we went to the West End to see *Phantom of the Opera*. We had a drink but no meal and, with the tube tickets, it cost £40."

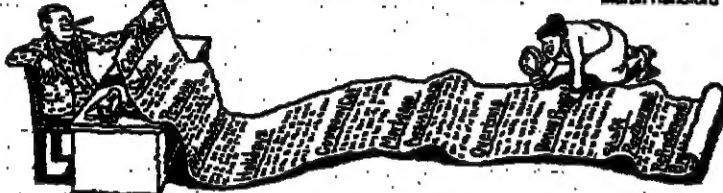
"Until June this year I ran a 1979 Ford Cortina but I've just splashed out for a new Nissan Sunny, partly because it was on special offer with finance at zero interest. That and a new kitchen cost me all I had in the building society and I had to borrow £5,000 for the car."

It might be harder to find a job in the west country, south Wales and the "depressed" north. But if you are lucky enough to have a secure professional occupation far from the Home Counties, the message from the Fay and Boyce households is simple enough: when it comes to value for daily toil, the streets of London are paved with pitfalls.

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HOW TO GET THE PAY RISE YOU DESERVE

Martin Handford



Envy, the poet John Gay maintained, is a sharper spur than pay. A healthy salary increase, however, will usually assuage even the most envious; the problem centres on how to go about getting it.

Isabel Kerr, senior pay consultant at accountants Peat Marwick McLintock, says that when asking for a pay rise or negotiating a starting salary at a new job, it is essential to understand how the pay package is made up.

Its three components — cash, non-cash benefits and conditions of service — should be looked at in detail, with pensions often being the most important element after basic salary. Look, too, at any allowances, holidays, company car, medical insurance, mortgage assistance, overtime or bonuses.

Once you have put your own value on what is offered, think about the prospects for promotion and salary increases in the coming year or three years. It can be worth taking slightly less now for more later.

When seeking a rise, the first step is to see what is being offered elsewhere. Advertisements and surveys can help, but treat them carefully. Treat hearsay about others' salaries with a pinch of salt, and never rely on only one source

about what is on offer elsewhere.

Do not over-value your job. If you say you are worth 50 per cent more, do not be too surprised if your boss tells you to find another employer who will pay it. Be realistic.

Time your request for a rise properly. Ascertain when pay reviews are undertaken — often two months before they are paid — and discuss your position a month before that. Take along any evidence you may have for justifying more money and talk about the whole pay and conditions package, pinpointing where you believe the shortcomings are. Be reasonable and do not lose your temper.

It can help to submit a memo setting out your reasons for seeking a rise. You will be in a strong position if you have acquired new responsibilities.

If the rise is not forthcoming and you decide to move on, you could find yourself in the happy position of having several offers. Compare the different packages, using your current position as a benchmark. Do not be afraid to tell potential employers about the worth of other offers, even though some firms might not be prepared to horse-trade.

David Sapsted

A call of the wild in the City

The dormouse, a creature of retiring habit, cuddly demeanour and distressingly scanty distribution, has gained an unlikely champion. For the past year Heinz, the food company, has funded a programme which could lead to a fuller understanding of its decline and produce a clearer picture of its conservation needs.

It is one example of a widening spending spree in business support for nature, which means that company auditors must expect to come across ever more bizarre beneficiaries from corporate budgets. While the Government urges the arts to seek increased commercial support, conservationists experience little difficulty in convincing business that a

Everything from chocolate to baked beans is helping the business of conservation

wild creature or a rare plant in distress is a potent marketing image.

Companies are tawling through a lucky dip of deserving projects. Migrating toads are now conducted across a main road near Henley-on-Thames in an underpass provided by ACO Polymer Products. A programme to reintroduce the large blue butterfly, which recently became extinct in Britain, is being supported by the health

food chain, Holland and Barrett.

Barclaycard celebrated its 21st birthday by buying a 180-acre slab of wetland at Titchmarsh, near Peterborough, for the nation. The guests at Prestige Hotels are invited to sponsor oak trees. By returning wrappers to the manufacturer, consumers of Anchor butter trigger a donation to the salvation of orang-utans, black rhino and humpback whales in a support programme planned to raise £100,000. The tape company BASF is funding a garden bird survey and the CEBG is paying for a new bird atlas.

The World Wildlife Fund's corporate fund raising department expects to almost double its income from business this year, from the 1986 figure of £1 million. The income is still relatively small compared with sponsorship of the arts, which will receive £25 million from business organizations this year, or sport, with £160 million in 1986. But it already represents approximately 5 per cent of the Government's annual grant of £36.9 million to nature through its agency, the Nature Conservancy Council.

The WWF imitates standard commercial practice in selling wildlife. It mails a seductive brochure to companies and follows this up with a presentation. Companies' marketing needs are then matched against more than 1,000 projects in the fund's data bank, drawn from all the main UK conservation organizations. Some are projects already under way which need further support; many are themes which could not otherwise have been started.

Businesses support conservation projects for a



variety of motives. Some, like Shell, have quietly done so for many years, with no overt marketing aim. WWF's Kate Brooks said many of the new supporters are looking for commercial gain and want to

"They spend budgets, and want sales benefits"

reach specific target audiences. She says: "They wouldn't be doing it otherwise. After all, they are spending their marketing budget, so they expect a marketing benefit." Cadbury's recent one of its slow-selling chocolate bars in the shape of leopards and elephants, with the prom-

ise of donations to the International Wetlands Campaign for every bar purchased. The repackaged bars have outstripped predicted sales.

To date, the biggest commercial supporter of nature is Heinz, which is spending £1 million in a three-year programme. The many projects it backs include protecting orchid sites, the reintroduction of sand lizards, rescuing bat colonies and funding other research. The nature bodies are delighted with the financial backing of their new allies, but they insist the money will not soften their criticism of companies whose activities threaten nature. "We can't be paid off," Kate Brooks says.

Gareth Huw Davies

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MR SCARGILL WINS A VOTE

Until yesterday the President of the National Union of Mineworkers had lost two national strike ballots and avoided a crucial third. Now Mr Arthur Scargill has finally won a victory. The three-to-one majority to give his executive authority to take strike action against British Coal's revised disciplinary code was a convincing vote. In terms of the guerrilla war of politics it was a success. In terms of the future of miners' jobs, wages and conditions, it is an irrelevance. But that can only be an advantage in Mr Scargill's calculations.

On the vital issues that will determine the future size of the coal industry, the negative left of the NUM cannot be sure of support even from those members that remain after the mass defections to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers. It is still in retreat in the face of economic realities, fighting rear-guard actions along the way. What better, therefore, than an emotional question of principle to create a splendid diversion?

The revised code is not a wholly new issue but was highlighted by the dispute over the disciplining of miners at Frickley colliery in Yorkshire. British Coal needs to tighten discipline, principally to deal with the wildest strikes or "ragouts" that have plagued mines in some strong NUM areas since the year-long strike. It is also taking a less supine attitude to troublemakers in general.

There are, therefore, elements in the code, especially where it differs from Acas models, to which a normally suspicious miner might reasonably object. British Coal is moving into line with the system of appeals to industrial tribunals under the employment protection laws. There have been cases, however, where British Coal has refused to reinstate individuals who have successfully appealed.

The NUM normally wants to return to the pit "umpire" system of binding local arbitration on individual disciplinary disputes. But Mr Scargill hinted yesterday that this might not be a fixed position. The executive is no longer his poodle.

Wherever the battle-lines eventually lie, however, it is clear that Mr Scargill would prefer they were drawn with emotion rather than reason. In the talks planned separately with Acas the NUM is set to concentrate on emotive elements in the code such as possible dismissal for offences outside the place of work, whether or not there have been criminal charges or a conviction, and the restrictions on an employee's right to be represented by whomever he likes in disciplinary hearings.

Sir Robert Haslam, the British Coal chairman, will not want to pick a fight on this relatively unimportant ground. A win for Mr Scargill would help rehabilitate his standing. It could serve the additional, but by no means secondary, purpose of embarrassing the UDM, which has noted but not opposed the code and welcomes the improved legal rights gained by abandoning the umpire system. An unnecessary diversion from the main task of modernizing the coal industry would serve only the interests of the vengeful, but currently peripheral, NUM president.

The main thrust of Sir Robert's current strategy is to introduce flexible shift working in many pits. This is important to the economics of new collieries. It is essential to justify investment on which the future of many marginal or loss-making pits depends, since it can cut the capital cost per tonne by up to two-thirds.

Flexible working will already go ahead in one or two UDM pits. But the crucial Marmarth project in South Wales is waiting for a national ballot of the NUM on this subject. The NUM conference last month called for a national ballot. The executive was to decide a date. But nothing more has been heard of it since the dispute over the disciplinary code. Mr Scargill, who opposes flexible working and local agreements, will no doubt hope that the emotion of one ballot will carry over to another. Any friend of the coal industry must hope that his members do not make a second suicide attempt.

SYMBOLIC GRAVE

It has long been assumed that, like the remains of his 10 fellows who were hanged at Nuremberg, the ashes of Rudolf Hess would be scattered to the four winds. That way there would be no "Nazi shrine". At the same time, as soon as Hess was dead, Spandau prison would be pulled down, partly for the same reason.

What has happened is that the body was presented to the family, thus making it possible for any such "shrine" to take the form of a grave with Hess in it — on the face of it, something much more emotive than a prison without him. It has already made it possible for the surviving Hess to pose the 93-year-old body of his father for *Bild Zeitung*, and for whoever was prepared to bid high enough for foreign rights to the grotesque sight. So the four powers' handling of the death of their troublesome prisoner, for which they had ample time to prepare, contains inconsistencies.

This does not mean that the four powers have got absolutely everything wrong. It was perhaps wrong to keep Hess in prison for all those years — although those who constantly point this out do not make it clear how it would have been more humane to release him into post-1945 Western society. That society contains rather more people prepared to kill him than people prepared to reverence him as an elder statesman. But the decision to keep him locked up was not that of all the powers. The British, Americans and French were for letting him go after a decent interval. It was the Soviet Union which insisted that life should mean life. And the Soviet Union had a power of veto in the matter.

But this does not mean that it was wrong to release the body. After keeping him in prison for 41 years, allowing him to have a dignified burial was a belated act of humanity. The four powers were not to know that the corpse would be subjected to the final indignity of an

appearance on the mass circulation front pages. That was the family's doing. Also, the release of the body shows that after 41 years — a period which almost coincides with the immense success story that is the German Federal Republic — it is no longer necessary to worry too much about an old Nazi's grave becoming a shrine to that country's soil.

The ashes of the other Nuremberg defendants had to be secretly disposed of because such shrines were considered a distinct possibility. It was not known whether a liberal political order could take root in Germany. Now we know that it can.

It may be objected: what of the "neo-Nazis" — skinheads, and members of minor political parties — who hurried to the little Bavarian town which was originally supposed to be the last resting place? The significant thing was how feeble were their numbers. It is at best uncertain whether West German soccer crowds contain more young brutes wearing swastikas, or giving Nazi salutes, than British soccer crowds.

That there are potential Hitleresque festering in West German beerhouses is not in doubt. But the last one came to power only as a result of a unique coming together of circumstances culminating in slump. Today nations more often expect Germany to get them out of slumps.

One of the four powers, however, is unworried about the "Nazi shrine" aspect. For the Soviet Union, the more Nazi memorabilia in West Germany, the easier the job of keeping alive the idea of the German threat. For a while, the Soviet press will make the most of the skinheads around the "secret" grave of Rudolf Hess, assuming the skinheads can find it. But West Germany is safe from those youths as long as it maintains the liberal institutions which they, and the Soviet Union, despise. This is why it is safe for Hess's body to lie indefinitely in West German soil.

WHO RULES IN KHARTOUM?

The collapse of Sudan's coalition government raises doubts about the future of democratic rule in Africa's largest country. It does not, however, come as a surprise.

The coalition of the Democratic Unionist Party and the Umma Party was put together by Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi in May of last year after elections which ended two decades of military rule. It was always an uneasy union. The DUP, based in the north of the country, has traditional close links with the northern neighbour, Egypt, from which it receives financial backing. The Umma party has a history of antipathy towards Cairo although this has been moderated by strategic necessity during Mr al-Mahdi's rule.

These old differences have been dangerously exposed in recent weeks. The trigger for the ending of the coalition was the replacement of a DUP member by an Umma-supported member in the country's five-man Supreme Council. His election was said to have been engineered by the Umma because the DUP candidate had strong pro-Egyptian sympathies as well as having supported the deposed ex-President Gaafar Nimeiry.

The dissatisfactions within the administration are, however, more widespread than this. The most important are the need to end the civil war in the south of the country and to reach agreement with the lending institutions over Sudan's \$12 billion external debt. In neither of these areas has the coalition succeeded in making any perceptible progress after 16 months in power.

The war in the south continues, with no immediate hope of resolution. The rebels will not countenance coming to agreement unless the government abandons Islamic law; this the coalition is fearful to do in case it upsets Muslim sentiment in Khartoum. It has been

equally unwilling to make economic reforms of the kind which would satisfy the International Monetary Fund, despite declarations that it intends to do so. Thus, the foreign debt goes unserviced, the middle class in the cities thrive by operating a "free market" economy outside government control and the countryside returns to a subsistence economy.

The chances are that the current quarrel may still be patched up. But two groups in Sudan will be watching the outcome of the problems in the coalition with interest. One is the Muslim Brotherhood, which gained a small number of parliamentary seats during the last election but remained outside the coalition. Although the Brotherhood lacks general sympathy in the country as a whole, it has a strong following in Khartoum and the ability to organize disturbances. The other group is the army which, if affairs appear to be slipping out of control, would be likely to attempt a coup.

For the moment, the civilian government retains popular sympathy. The repressions of military dictatorship are still remembered with distaste. There is also considerable feeling in Sudan that the solution to the debt problem — seen as having been caused by the profligacy and greed of the former president and his friends — lies not with government policy but in forgiveness by Western creditors.

If the West wishes to see Sadiq al-Mahdi retain power, a lenient line on Sudan's debt would be the most helpful course of action. But there is little that the outside world can do to resolve the internal squabbles of Sudan's politicians. Unless the government can maintain itself as a united and effective force, the Sudanese risk facing a repetition of events during the 1960s, when a similar experiment in democracy gave way in disarray to the army.

'Zero option' in a kindlier light

From Field Marshal Lord Carver
Sir, It is disturbing that somebody who is credited with such a high-sounding title as "Director of the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies" can have published in such a prestigious journal as yours an article so alarmist as Gerald Frost's in your issue of August 20.

"The zero-zero option", he writes, "will expose Europe to the considerable intimidatory power of the Soviet Union's conventional and chemical weapons, to nuclear systems outside the scope of the talks and to new systems which the Soviets may be now deploying".

Does he seriously suggest that the deployment of the US Pershing II and Tomahawk missiles effectively nullified those threats? Without the zero-zero option, the formidable threat of the SS20s would be added to them, as it has been for some time.

He writes that it "will make Europe more dependent on the US land-based (CBMs) inter-continental ballistic missiles", rendering the US nuclear support of Europe "even more incredible than it is now". Why are the Pershing IIs and Tomahawks so much more credible than all the other US nuclear weapon systems, which greatly outnumber them?

He states that West Germany will be the only West European nation to retain land-based nuclear weapons, apparently ignorant of the fact that other NATO nations, including those who have forces stationed in the Federal Republic, man delivery systems with US warheads, quite apart from the French systems.

His statement that "this flimsy nuclear fig-leaf cannot be expected to deter a Soviet attack" totally fails to recognize the important factor that the presence of US Army and Air Force conventional forces in Europe, linked to the whole US nuclear armory, land, sea and air-based, acts as a major deterrent to the Warsaw Pact engaging in any military adventure west of the Iron Curtain.

The picture he paints, therefore, of a Federal Republic of Germany

forced to seek neutrality as a result of implementation of the zero-zero option, leading to "the crumbling of an already battered Western Alliance and the end of the US as a superpower", is as misleading as it is defeatist. Yours truly,
CARVER,
House of Lords,
August 20.

From Viscount Wankinson, CH
Sir, Gerald Frost, in his article, "The sub-zero option that faces Europe", only puts one side of the case.

The Reagan zero-zero option did not spring out of the blue. It is a development of the long-term "two-track" policy of NATO based on the need to maintain a credible nuclear balance, whilst searching for the "verifiable" scaling down of nuclear armaments. In a world that has a vast nuclear overkill such a policy makes sense.

Verification, if properly applied, is a considerable prize that can do much to guard against the misunderstandings that have led to war in the past. It should also be possible, by this means, to guard against the substitution of one weapon system for another.

The total commitment of the USA to Europe is guaranteed by the large segment of her armed forces that would be immediately engaged in West Germany, in any war. So peace will continue to rest, as it has done for 40 years, on the knowledge by an aggressor that he cannot win, and courts destruction, by his first strike, conventional or nuclear.

With strict verification and the maintenance of the West's deterrent forces in other theatres it does not seem to me likely that the zero option risks "a neutral West Germany" or "the crumbling of the Western Alliance".

In any case how can the West, provided that there are proper safeguards, refuse to negotiate a policy that it has itself proposed? Yours sincerely,
WANKINSON,
Tyma House, Shore Road,
Bosham,
Chichester, West Sussex.

Closer watch on gun controls

From Dr Denis Parr
Sir, Your recent editorial, headed "Gun law" (August 21), referred to "the pathological dimension of gun ownership". In psychiatric practice it is by no means rare to learn that a patient lawfully owns a shot-gun or even a firearm. This knowledge causes no special concern in most cases, but in others (e.g., of psychopathic personality, morbid jealousy, or manic-depressive illness) it is bound to be disquieting.

Nevertheless, I have personally felt, as a rule, that I could do no more than share my misgivings with the general practitioner and next-of-kin and endorse the hospital case-file with a cautionary note for the information of colleagues in future.

Behavioural crises apart, it is not possible to quantify on psychiatric grounds the long-term risk that a weapon may eventually be misused. If review of the regulations leads to a requirement of active medical screening of applicants for certificates the profession will no doubt do its best to provide a service. However, bearing in mind the difficulties of giving diagnostic advice even in questions of fitness for driving a motor car, too much should not be expected of us.

Yours etc,
DENIS PARR,
30 The Drive,
Hove, East Sussex,
August 22.

From Squadron Leader J. W. Porter, RAF (read)
Sir, The recent tragedy at Hungerford now poses the question, how does one cater for the shooting enthusiast and also safeguard the general public against an incident of this kind?

May I suggest that an interest in guns and firearms is not a morbid or sinister aspect of human nature but a genuine fascination with the complex mechanisms of such weapons and the achievement of perfection in their skillful use. One proposal that I have that may be worthy of some development is to place the storage of military-style firearms under the auspices of the MoD. Weapons would be stored in the local drill hall, used on the local MoD range and used under supervision. Gun clubs would in some way have affiliated membership of the Territorial unit in order to use the facilities of the ranges and armory.

I feel that these basic steps would ensure that the male youth of today would benefit from the proper training that is required. Weapons and ammunition would only come together in an appropriate venue and would be secure

from domestic crime. This could all be a condition of ownership and imposed by the chief constable.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. PORTER,
Grey War,
Leadenham, Lincolnshire.

From Mr Hamish Orr-Ewing
Sir, Chained to the wall, as I write, are a .22 target rifle and a 12-bore shot-gun. Legislation requires the police to treat these firearms quite differently and not as common sense might lead you to expect.

The .22, a clumsy and improbable aid to violent crime, requires a firearms certificate. Having held one since 1942 I can assure you that before these lengthy personal checks are made and intended uses are examined in detail. When and if granted, the weapon must be chained and the ammunition kept separately.

On the other hand you need to be a pretty "bad hat" to have a shot-gun licence refused. Once you have the licence you can buy and sell dozens of shot-guns if you want to, keep them where you like and buy cartridges, including the heaviest shot, any time without restriction.

As ever there are historic reasons for these anomalies, but unless we rationalise the law on ownership and use of firearms we are deluding ourselves if we believe that we have effective gun control in this country. Yours faithfully,
HAMISH ORR-EWING,
Fox Mill, Purton, Wiltshire.

From Mr David Reeves
Sir, It is not anomalous that whilst members of HM Forces and the police have to be issued with firearms from strictly supervised armories, civilians may amass any amount of weapons at home because they call themselves collectors? Should not collectors' guns be required by law to be unable to be fired? Yours sincerely,
DAVID REEVES,
10 The Drive,
Oakington, Cambridge.

From Mr W. J. Tomlinson
Sir, In the wake of the Hungerford massacre there will inevitably be emotional, panicky demands for tighter controls on firearms. Before giving way to these we would do well to heed the motto of the (American) National Rifle Association: "When guns are outlawed, the only people to have guns will be the outlaws". Yours faithfully,
W. J. TOMLINSON,
13 Hawthorne Close,
Woking, Surrey.

Flow Country forests

From Mr George Lopes
Sir, As a part-owner of open moorland in the Cairnness and Sutherland area, I must draw attention to two matters which require urgent clarification from the Government.

Firstly, they should make it a condition of grant approval and continuing tax concessions that these new plantations should be surrounded by well-maintained, traditional stock-proof fencing for the lifetime of the plantation, not just the initial establishment period. All farmers, crofters and deer forest neighbours are living in constant fear of losing their stock and thus existing livelihoods.

Secondly, planting should be a good distance away from the marches to allow for a wide fire-break. It is essential that moorland is burnt in rotation to have the best grazing. At present large areas are being rendered sterile and useless.

Until there are assurances on these two points the new owners and their agents can expect little co-operation from the locals, whose voice should be heard before all the other organisations claiming expert knowledge of the so-called "Flow Country". Yours faithfully,
GEORGE LOPES,
Skelpink Lodge, Bettyhill,
Thurso, Sutherland,
August 20.

Risk of wasting Ethiopia aid

From the Deputy Director of the United Nations Association
Sir, We welcome the fact that your leader of August 20 draws attention to the warnings of another Ethiopian famine this year made by the UN World Food Programme. We understand from them that the situation is extremely serious, affecting more regions than just Tigre and Eritrea, and it calls for an early response of the kind announced on August 19 by the UK in order to prevent another disaster.

Your leader implies a dichotomy between long-term development assistance and immediate emergency relief. Yet in January Michael Priestley, the UN Assistant Secretary General based in Addis Ababa, told an international donors' meeting that unless Ethiopia can count on sustained development assistance, it is certain that when there is next an appreciable deficiency in rainfall, then once again 10-15 per cent of Ethiopia's population will be immediately and directly at risk of starvation.

The rains have failed this year and another disaster is imminent. Official development assistance annually has barely risen above the \$6 per capita figure before the 1984-86 famine. It was realised by everyone concerned as long ago as 1974 that relief aid is not the answer to Ethiopia's endemic famine problem, but long-term

sustained development is, though little has happened.

You highlight the ideological basis for Western donors withholding development aid until reforms are effected, but on humanitarian grounds alone development aid should not be used as a political lever. Any argument used to justify refusing Ethiopia development assistance, or indeed any other country facing a similar crisis, can be regarded as spurious as the UK and other Western nations trade with and sell arms to a number of countries with repressive regimes.

The immediate point is that there must be a response to the alarms sounded by the early-warning systems of the UN and relief agencies. Unless both development assistance and emergency relief are provided in sufficient quantities, as the UN has called for, the compassion and generosity shown by the British public during the 1984-86 famine will have been for nothing. Yours faithfully,
MYRIEL DAVIES,
Deputy Director,
United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
3 Whitehall Court, SW1,
August 21.

Poly funding

From Mr Derek Fatchett, MP for Leeds Central (Labour)
Sir, Further to your report on the funding of polytechnics (August 19), I totally reject the implication that I have shown these institutions in a poor light. Far from it. As I point out in my letter to Kenneth Baker, public-sector colleges offer an educational service of equal value to universities, provide a wider range of courses, and will cater for the majority of students entering higher education this autumn.

What I have done is question the present funding arrangements, which discriminate against polytechnics by providing them with less and less money, while they are expected to educate more and more students and sustain their excellent academic standards.

My case is most strongly supported by Dr Ray Rickett, of Middlesex Polytechnic, when he says (as reported in earlier editions) that he and his colleagues estimate that up to £1 million per institution is desperately needed and that the situation regarding minor works and repairs is "quite dreadful".

Far from giving polytechnics a bad press, I have consistently put their case, both for an adequate and equitable distribution of resources and for their contribution to the education service. Indeed, far from attracting criticism from directors, I have received a number of supportive messages from polytechnic heads over the past few days. Yours faithfully,
DEREK FATCHETT,
House of Commons,
August 19.

Second-hand letters

From Mr C. A. Crofts
Sir, By this morning's post I received yet another business letter which was signed by a secretary on a p.p. basis.

I suppose I could regard it as a form of delegation of responsibility, though that would mean that the originator of the letter has a touching faith in the ability of a secretary to translate what is on a tape or in a notebook into a coherent grammatical and correctly-spelled letter, an over-optimistic attitude if some of the letters which I receive are taken as evidence. However, I am inclined to regard the practice as discourteous.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. CROFTS,
Anchor House,
Dymock, Gloucestershire,
August 13.

Benefit of clergy

From the Reverend C. O. Mason
Sir, Mr Bridgeman-Sutton's letter (August 19) is highly misleading. The clergyman's "tax-free allowance" for heating and lighting is not a fixed amount, but relates to the actual expenditure on these items in a home which is generally an office as well.

More importantly, it is a part of the stipend, not in addition to it. There is no customary extra provision of stipend and house for those who cease work owing to their "inability to manage it", nor of housing for those who fall sick. Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MASON,
32 Crescent East,
Hadley Wood,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Pecking order

From Mr George M. Tricks
Sir, At the time of the agricultural census in June, my 20.4 hectares were only supporting six farmyard hens. I have today received a 21-page booklet, signed by the Minister of Agriculture and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales, advising me on aspects of the welfare of my flock.

Do you think, Sir, with the welfare of the Exchequer at heart, I should resist further diversification? Yours faithfully,
GEORGE M. TRICKS,
Sherborne Farm,
Liton, Bath, Avon,
August 16.

ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 25 1846

Sea bathing had been a pastime favoured by George III and the Royal Family. After George IV had stayed at Ramsgate in 1827 it quickly became a fashionable resort. Twenty years later it had acquired great popularity, especially with working-class Londoners, the place and people were richly captured by Frith in "Ramsgate Sands", the scene shows no sign of the "wantonness" so deplored by "A VISITOR".

BATHING AT RAMSGATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir, — Last year, by means of your most useful journal, publicity was given to the malpractices attending the bathing at Ramsgate. I hope you will this season allow me, as eye-witness, and one perfectly disinterested, to lay before you the real state of the case, and "print it and shame the fops." Much has been said about the gross indecency of men standing on the sands and watching ladies while bathing; but the truth is, the impropriety rests, I am sorry to say, in most instances with the gentler sex! They do not confine their water frolics to the bath under the swining, but boldly, and I must add, indecently, wander away, and so expose themselves to the vulgar throng, who are all on the look out; they do not take half-a-dozen plunges (which really are all that are required for actual healthful purposes), but they remain for nearly half an hour sporting like mermaids in the sea, forgetting how unbecoming is their appearance, and that the waves, either coming in or receding, repeatedly force up their loose dresses, and so expose parts of their delicate frames, which, as Sam Slick would say, to pro-nounce elsewhere by their correct names, would be considered most indecent; they do not go singly, nor in pairs but actually endeavor to get up a sort of polka or gallop in the water. I beg leave to appeal to any of your readers who have visited Ramsgate if what I have related be not a scene daily witnessed from 9 o'clock until 1 by those who remain on the once yellow sands. The machines appropriated to the gentlemen are much too near the ladies; and, if the water be low, the men must of necessity walk several yards, exposing themselves to the vulgar multitude. The Ramsgate sands, at bathing time, are crowded like a fair: dozens and dozens of chairs are let out at a penny the sitting, just in front of the female bathing place; and it really seems that the beach is crowded as a sort of idle lounging place for the wanton and dissolute. Now, Sir, I do not pretend to be a Joseph, but I do flatter myself that I have a little regard for decency, and I do fearlessly assert that the mode in which bathing is permitted in Ramsgate must be disgusting to any person possessing the least feeling of delicacy; the male bathers ought to be compelled to wear short drawers, as is the custom on the continent, and the ladies ought not to be allowed to bathe unless clad in dresses not open at the breast; and if they appear beyond the evening (which by-the-by ought to be kept in a proper state of repair), a policeman or two ought to be stationed on the sands to call out to them, and thus particularly direct attention to the offending parties. By this means, the feelings of really modest persons, who are obliged almost daily to wait upwards of an hour ere they can be attended to, would not be outraged, and a scene of wantonness checked, which, if suffered year after year to go on, must tend sadly to debase the better feelings of man, and bring into odium a watering-place which, I believe, is generally pronounced to be, by the medical world, one of the most salubrious.

Trusting that you will oblige, not only me but hundreds of your readers, by thus calling attention to the subject,
I remain, yours most obediently,
A VISITOR.

— Crescent, Aug. 21.

THE ARTS

Screen test of sexism

In *Parting Women in the Picture* (BBC1) the lucidly intelligent, commonsensical Helena Kennedy was concerned about the relationship of women to language and their confinement too often to what in our culture is a black hole of non-significance: exclusion from television.

The case, of course, has been made before but, as the sacking of Joan Bakewell showed, it needs repeating. Executive power, Ms Kennedy rightly stressed, is as important as screen time. Most

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institutions are male-dominated, irrational and inefficient. Women might just remember that telephones are for speaking to people, that movies should have mimesesque, let alone that television companies should be more enterprising.

Ms Kennedy, though, should not have restricted her concerns for television's emphasis on looks to women. It is no coincidence that the excellent, if substantial, Peter Hobday works mainly on radio. The basic-faced white-kid male television executives on her programme reflected perhaps a nexus of power and appearance in the style-conscious Eighties. Also her criticism of sit-coms for having a received image of bourgeois family life ignored the great pioneering series such as *Hancock* and *Stephanie* which centred on oddball single men.

Furthermore, the complexities of the relationship of language and power defy simple prescriptive interventions which strike out "man" from our vocabulary. That is not to say we are locked forever in descriptive norms. Great literature often radically alters our "language" of perception. But it will take much more than a non-sexist guidebook before all personhood are allowed out of the black hole on prime time.

Andrew Hislop

City of mystery and romance

GALLERIES

The Image of London Barbican

Drawing in England from Hilliard to Hogarth British Museum

Cazabon

Commonwealth Institute

At the Edinburgh Festival this year Mary Queen of Scots figures as a sort of artistic Rorschach test: in London it is London itself. The fascination of such shows as *The Image of London* at the Barbican Art Gallery until October 18, is to see just how one subject strikes a number of different artists at different periods, and lends itself to infinite interpretation and reinterpretation in the eye of the beholder.

An extra twist is given to this particular show by the fact that all the artists represented are foreigners — travellers who made a brief visit to London (in some cases, such as Rembrandt, probably not even that) or *émigrés* who lived and worked there for many years. We always love to know how others see us, reserving the right to be alternately flattered and outraged. Not too much occasion for outrage in this case, however, even if a number of the Dutch (who were fighting us around that time) do tend to attribute the Great Fire, with evident satisfaction, to the Will of God confounding regicides (rather belatedly, one would have thought) or smiting the enemies of the moment. On the other hand, if Gustave Doré takes by and large the darker view of London labour and the London poor — seen surveying the Boat Race entourage in *Putney Bridge* — that no doubt had something to do with the slant of Blanchard Jerrold's text for his *London, a Pilgrimage*, as well as with his own possibly superior Paris-based view of the situation.

In any case, the subject itself is not immutable. The show is arranged chronologically, and gives us a very clear picture of how the city itself grew and evolved through the centuries. In fact the interest of the earlier sections is primarily topographical (though one must make a partial exception for the unpredict-



A darker view of Gustave Doré: the London poor surveying the Boat Race entourage in Putney Bridge (detail)

able genius of Hollar), and it is not really until we get to the middle of the 18th century and the arrival of Canaletto that purely artistic interest takes over. The section of the show which introduces Canaletto is aptly labelled "The New Rome", for it shows a suspiciously orderly, elegantly arranged city, in which the supposedly realistic depictions of Canaletto are hardly distinguishable in spirit from Antonio Joli's shamelessly fantasized *Capriccio* with a view of the Thames and St Paul's (c. 1746), in which the familiar scene peeps through the columns of a grandly improbable South Bank viewing platform.

Though in the 18th century De Louthembourg has a creditable stab at the sublime with his historical/theatrical *Great Fire of London*, it is left for the 19th century and the side-effects of the Industrial Revolution to bring out the mystery and romance — as well as the squalor — of the London scene. We are in the same quandary as the heroine of Antonin's *Red Desert* with the yellow smoke which is beautiful and kills the birds. No one can doubt the blight of endless pea-soupers and a constant miasma of soot and noxious vapour shrouding all. But equally the result, seen through the eyes of Whistler or, later, Monet, is

totally magical. Presumably too it had its effect on the last major contributor to the show, Derain. His dazzlingly coloured Fauve evocations of the Thames from 1905-06 cannot in any sense qualify as realistic depictions, yet they did not come into being quite arbitrarily: he must have seen something similar to what Monet saw, and interpreted the prismatic colour effects in his own personal way.

As well as the more familiar works, which are wonderfully well represented, there are some interesting novelties, ranging from the bizarre, including Yoshitane's un-

blinkingly slant-eyed speculation about *The Port of London* in 1862, to the breath-taking, like Toorop's glowing Pointillist *Charing Cross Bridge* of 1886 and Le Sidaner's darkly shimmering *St Paul's from the River*, *Morning Sun in Winter*, of 1906-07. It is good to be reminded too of the great Dane Hammershoi's visits to London, and of Bastien-Lepage's though the brilliant *Little Boat Black* is not here (the only major omission I can see), at least there is a splendid landscape, *Waterloo Bridge*, to show us London's cosmic miklot explained in yet one more distinctive fashion.

Strangers and sojourners figure quite prominently in the British Museum's large and impressive show *Drawing in England* from Hilliard to Hogarth (until the end of the month). Hollar crops up again, with views (not all of them in England) and his strangely obsessive pictures of women's fur muffs. Then there are Rubens and Van Dyck and Lely and more wanderers from the Low Countries than you could shake a pencil at. And later on the odd Frenchman like Louis Chéron and Daniel Marot to introduce at least a touch of exotic influence. But there is also a fair measure of true-born Englishmen, and one could not say that they are automatically outshine.

What one remembers from the English drawings is oddity as often as first-rate quality: things like John Talman's strangely empty and eccentrically composed *The Rhine outside Leiden*, or Charles Beale's spirited *Carter Fighting*. In any case, the show leaves us wondering, yet again, at the incredible riches the Department of Prints and Drawings has tucked away, waiting to be seen.

Another, more off-centre rediscovery is to be seen, also until the end of the month, at the Commonwealth Institute. Cazabon is Michel Jean Cazabon (1813-1888), the most remarkable (indeed, probably the only really professional) artist of 19th-century Trinidad. He was schooled in England, studied painting in Paris, and eventually returned to Trinidad to produce several distinguished volumes of lithographic views as well as many watercolours and oils of Trinidadian scenes and people. How many is now only gradually coming to light. Certainly Cazabon is proficient enough, and interesting enough in his exotic subject-matter, to be well worth more than a cursory glance.

John Russell Taylor

Liberty hall

PROMENADE CONCERT

La traviata

Albert Hall/Radio 3

For the past three or four years Glyndebourne's visit to the Proms has been by no means a second-rate substitute for the Sussex lawns. The close focus on the purely musical drama of a production can bring considerable gain. *La traviata* proved no exception.

Those who found the visual detail of Sir Peter Hall's original production claustrophobic will have been delighted by the liberating effect of Christopher Newell's discreet semi-staging. I was not entirely convinced at first. It would test anyone's invention to bring the spirit of the ballroom to a bare dais: the guests stood around like spare parts, and Alfredo's testifying declaration of love was further undercut by his subsequent peeping, like a latecomer, through the curtains of one of the hall's doorways.

As for Violetta, Desira Cotrubas had joined the original cast for this single appearance on only six hours' rehearsal; and for a while it showed. Her responses somehow did not mesh; her voice, too, had a daring but rough ride in her "Sempre libera deggio". It took the confrontation with Germont (Brent Ellis) to get her going. Cotrubas's voice let its full bouquet open out during "Dite alla giovine". It was wonderful, for a single moment, to experience a packed hall without one movement of body or breath as, anticipating her extraordinarily powerful ending, she dropped to a chilling half-note.

Bernard Haitink's support, with the London Philharmonic, was at its finest. His is a classical reading: finely and lovingly shaped, and as such nicely matched by the Alfredo of Walter MacNeil. I noticed these qualities more than I had at Glyndebourne: both he and Ellis's Germont seemed to have found greater depth and breadth.

Hilary Finch

And now for the fireworks

The South Bank this evening begins a 10-day festival centred around the interests of the composer

Harrison Birtwistle (right): Paul Griffiths welcomes the project



Despite its rather twee post-Jacobean title, promising "Harrison Birtwistle, his toys, his dreams . . .", the South Bank festival starting this evening should be extraordinarily stimulating. It is such an obvious idea, scarcely needing the example of the National Gallery's similar enterprise: invite a major creative artist to make his own selection from the repertoire, then sit back to watch the fireworks.

What has resulted is almost a 10-day Birtwistle composition. Of course, there is evidence of the handwork of Bayan Northcott, who has helped in the planning of the series: perhaps the very welcome presence of Stefan Wolpe can be ascribed to him. But in the main this is a tour of Birtwistle's particular musical landscape: a landscape in which the 19th century is an insignificant feature (Beethoven, Liszt and Brahms have tootholds), in which Mahaut is a more considerable figure than Mozart, and in which most that one sees is modern.

Another *echt*-Birtwistle characteristic of the series is the strong presence of music as drama. All his works have a sense of enactment (to borrow a word from Wolpe), a sense of soloists and ensembles as personages in a wordless ritual theatre. Correspondingly these concerts will include

declaratory solos, dramatic chamber works and two programmes of staged theatre pieces. There will surely be special interest in the productions stemming from Birtwistle's work with Peter Gill and the National Theatre Studio: both his pieces for actors and musicians, *Down by the Greenwood Side* and *Bow Down*, will be performed, preparing the ground for a new work to be presented in the autumn.

Otherwise, though, remarkably little of Birtwistle's own music is included: only his *Tragoedia*, which 20 years ago announced the sudden arrival of a strikingly new personality, and a couple of arrangements of Machaut's instrumental enigma *Hoguets David*, which provides the series with its signature tune, to be heard in versions by nine other composers, ranging from solo piano to chorus and orchestra (what a record these many colourings of the 14th-century blueprint might make . . .).

It is perhaps surprising that a composer's identity should be so strongly felt in a series where his own music is less than central, but the emphases on theatre, on English polyphony from the Eton Choirbook to Purcell, on medieval music and on Stravinsky present a portrait of Birtwistle collected

from pre-echoes. Like any artist of outstanding originality, he implies through his output a new understanding of the past: in his case it is a past where Varese and Ockeghem are colleagues, both far estranged from the entire symphonic tradition.

What Birtwistle rejects from his programming is what he rejects from his music: it is the command of progress that made symphonic music possible, the sense of forward movement being perfectly controlled by the forces of harmony. Like Stravinsky's, Birtwistle's music looks outside itself for patterns of movement, but finds them not so much in dance-steps as in marching, and in the regular ticking of clockwork. Hence the elaborate systems of pulsation that are worked into many of his scores: hence too the fascination with repeated actions shown in the three operas which are his biggest achievements: *Punch and Judy*, *The Mask of Orpheus* and *Yan Tan Tethera*.

No doubt it was the coincidence of those first performances, coupled with that of the mighty *Earth Dances*, that brought Birtwistle a sudden access of respect and appreciation, recognized internationally during the past year by the award of the Grawemeyer Prize, by a commission from Paul Sacher and by the promise of a Vienna production of *The Mask of Orpheus*. But the urgency, power and range of his music are evident in much older works: in the brilliantly savage, needle-sharp *Punch*, which crosses Artaud with Lewis Carroll and Varese with English folklore, or in the ceremonial of *Verses for Ensembles*, or in the somberness and fine ingenuity of *The Triumph of Time*.

For the moment we shall be meeting Birtwistle in a strange mask, as programme-planner, in January at the Barbican comes the major retrospective of his own music, to be followed in 1989 by his opera for Covent Garden on a subject to fuse his concerns with medieval mentality, seasonal cycles and mythic drama: *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.

Elgar and Britten were unlikely choices for two of the new works on this second programme by this dance company from São Paulo, but the best of the new pieces had a score (specially written, I would guess, since it sounds more for the theatre than the concert hall) by a composer unknown to me, Jacques Hetu. This was *Huis-clos*, after Sartre's play.

We are told that you can't take it with you, but the three people arriving in this chamber of hell bring with them impediments which are discreetly removed by a sinister

DANCE IN LONDON

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footman. Much of the clothing of two of them is later also removed as their relationships heat up. This is a more explicit dance treatment of the subject than Bejart's, yet probably less erotic for all the bare flesh. Claudia Palma as Stella and Beth Risoleu as Ines play it for

Fine soloists in new sounds

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Salonen weekend Queen's Hall

It is encouraging that a young and prominent conductor like Esa-Pekka Salonen should also be seen to be an active enthusiast for contemporary music. In the weekend he devised for the Edinburgh Festival's rather limp answer to Glasgow's Musica Nova, an extravaganza which happens next month, his choice of works seemed, however, devoid of much connecting logic, in spite of the special emphasis placed on composers from the Soviet Union and the United States.

Salonen did choose wisely, though, in selecting two of his compatriots, the cellist Anssi Karttunen and the pianist Tuija Hakkila, as ambassadors for these new sounds, while he also had the advantage of the invaluable skills of the Arditi Quartet at his disposal.

In the later recital on Saturday, both Finns excelled in Edison Denisov's introspective (and retrospective) *Sonata* (1971), darkly threatening even in its faster second half. Each player also gave a work by Salonen himself,

sibly, at emulating the tape. The Finnish composer Karja Saaristo's *Jardin secret* No 2 was dominated by its tape part, deliciously sensual, even though computer-originated, in its exploitation of rhythmic, pitched breathing noises.

The Arditi's second recital contained its share of non-sens, and Philip Glass's *Quartet No 2* ("Mishima"), a suite of small, similar pieces extracted from his music for the film, was by far the worst of them. John Cage's aleatoric, anarchic *Piano Concerto*, with Claude Helffer the dapper, fop-faced pianist, had its moments of fun, such as that when Helffer seemed to be about to strike a violinist with a drumstick (he chose the scaffolding nearby instead), although it was probably more entertaining for the players than for a bemused audience.

Ivan Wyschnegradsky's experimental *First Quartet* of 1923-24, which uses microtones in the context of Scriabin's counterpoint and was receiving a belated British premiere, intrigued only to a certain point. The

real riches in this concert lay in Roger Reynolds's *Cocoon* . . . A shattered landscape, complex and refined in its fragmentary descriptive-ness, and in Xenakis's *Tenors* for quartet and *Akea* for piano quintet (with Helffer again), music of real, positive direction and tenacity.

In the quartet's earlier recital the quality had been more reliable, with Alfred Shnittke's *Second Quartet*, solidly, conservatively yet individually expressive, sitting side by side with Elliott Carter's *Fourth Quartet*, a masterpiece of intuitive complexity, and Kimmo Hakola's *Quartet*, a pitiful, ruggedly idiomatic work, partnering Sofia Gubaidulina's *Third Quartet*, receiving its world premiere.

The whispered pizzicato of the first half of the Gubaidulina might perhaps have been enough, for the transition to bowed sounds seemed awkward. But that this is a work of a major poet cannot surely be doubted.

Stephen Pettitt

Fringe playing without words

If you want to get your show on the international festival circuit, doing it in some kind of universal language is a big help. That may be why there seems to be an outbreak of non-verbal theatre on this year's Fringe. On the other hand, it may also be that more and more people are fed up with the tyranny of the printed text. Certainly the odd named Ralf Ralf duo make a strong case in *The Summit* (Traverse) for tone of voice rather than words being the currency of communication.

This is conceived as a meeting of two super-power leaders, with each actor having a kind of language: one sounds a bit like Portuguese but is not, the other sounds a bit like ordinary speech with

all its ums and ers and breaths but with the words taken out. They harangue conferences, exchange pleasantries, make claim and counter-claim, take briefs from unseen aides; they even end up teaching each other songs. All in these non-words. Yet at no time is one in any doubt about what is going on.

Nor do they miss out that other complex language, that of the body. Some of the most surprising effects come from taking simple gestures — a hint of irritation for example — and extending them until the real ugliness or absurdity behind them is revealed.

Théâtre de la Mice de Pain are more concerned with making us laugh in their almost entirely wordless *Seance Fric-*

tion (Assembly Rooms), in which a wind orchestra overthrows its tyrannical director only to find that it cannot work without him. In an exhaustively hyperactive hour and a half they go through some exhilarating clowning routines involving ego-clashes among the seven prima donnas in the band and various intractable objects. Anyone familiar with Théâtre de Complicité will recognize the style, though the company, all wearing a corrupted version of the white-faced clown make-up, are perhaps too close to the bad old days of men trapped in glass boxes for comfort.

The only Russian company on the Fringe, the Studio Theatre of the South-West from Moscow, did not bring a

wordless show. But they did bring Hamlet in a translation by Boris Pasternak, so at least we knew the story. Certainly it was a handsome and stylish production, and full of energy, with an ever-present soundtrack of Seventies glam-rock driving it on.

The music and the lighting, a series of pools of light in an otherwise black arena which apparently are the trademark of the director Valery Belyakov, suggested the language of film: each spot became a different camera-angle on the actor as he moved into it, crucially focusing our attention on the features.

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FASHION by Liz Smith



The Hall mark of pure glamour

Jerry Hall, the world's most famous model, has been trying on clothes for 14 years. The result is an unequivocal personal style built along sinuous lines

With a nugget of laid-back encouragement from her partner ("Mick says I am OK"), Jerry Hall makes her television debut here tomorrow as a country and western singer. Wearing skin-tight gold lame and a pair of custom-made gold cowboy boots, she will be betting out a moving rendition of "Stand By Your Man" in harmony with Dame Edna Everage. For the moment, however, she has interrupted a singing lesson with Jagger to fall into a role she has been playing to perfection for 14 years — to model for *The Times* the sort of clothes she loves, the sinuous glamorous numbers conjured up by her friend Antony Price, one of her favourite designers.

Jerry Hall shares Price's ideas about glamour. Good tight skirts and glamorous necklines are what she enjoys wearing. A line of swimsuits she designed but never put into production has whetted

her enthusiasm to be a fashion designer one day. What would a Jerry Hall dress look like? "A little bit like an Antony Price, I guess," she says mischievously. Other designers she admires include Riffat Ozbeki, Saint Laurent, Lagerfeld and Bruce Oldfield.

Jerry Hall, at 30, is the world's most famous model. Her career began by chance when, aged 16, she took off from Dallas for Europe and was picked in Paris by Helmut Newton for *Vogue*. But the notion that it flourishes today more on the reflected celebrity of her 10-year attachment to Mick Jagger than on her looks is erased every time this rangy beauty with the waterfall of honeyed hair flirts with the camera. Or when she steals another top Paris designer show, proving triumphantly she is a star in her own right.

Her vigorous, all-American good looks apparently require little discipline to keep in shape. "Dieting is bad for

you," is one of Jerry Hall's mottoes. "I don't believe in too much bouncing around either," she says. "I love dancing, and I think sex is fine exercise."

She dazzles, whether it is on behalf of the bottled beauty of L'Oréal, with whom she has a three-year contract, or endorsing this newspaper (she is the star of a current television commercial for *The Times*), or in her private role as mother of Jagger's youngest children, three-year-old Elizabeth and James, who will be two on Friday.

For 10 years she has fitted in her career with the itinerant life of a rock star, switching with ease between the houses in New York, London, Mustique and France which she shares with Jagger.

But home to Jerry is still in Texas, where she has a ranch which she gets to only twice a year and which is run by her aunt. More time will now be spent in London. "When Elizabeth starts school here, I am going to school too," she says, listing acting, fencing, fashion design and 18th-century French history as her subjects.

Her country and western tour of China, planned for November, is merely a diversion: "I was never the kind of girl to say no to a new adventure." She does not plan a sequel to *Tall Tales*, her autobiography published in 1985, but recent jaunts may provide the background for a novel. The copious notes she made about her arrest and court case in Barbados will never be published, "but I still have nightmares".

You can imagine the mutual stubbornness that must be the only obstacle to marriage between Hall and Jagger. "I don't think I will marry him now. He has waited too long," she says. "Shall I try out my new line on you? I tell him I will marry him when he outgrows his adolescent desire to be a rock star."

Above: Gold/black brocade and marabou dress, £225. Jewellery, Ken Lane, 50 Burlington Arcade, W1. Shino-On tights, £4.99. Bruce Oldfield for Charnos, from major stores. Right: Petrol and illec silk dupion short dress, £450. Earrings, £144, Monty Don, 58 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Below: Sand linen suit with short skirt, £495. Clothes by Antony Price, 34 Brook Street, W1; A la Mode, Hans Crescent, SW3. Hair: John Frieda, 4 Aldford Street, W1. Photographs: DAVID BAILEY



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Joseph gets go-ahead

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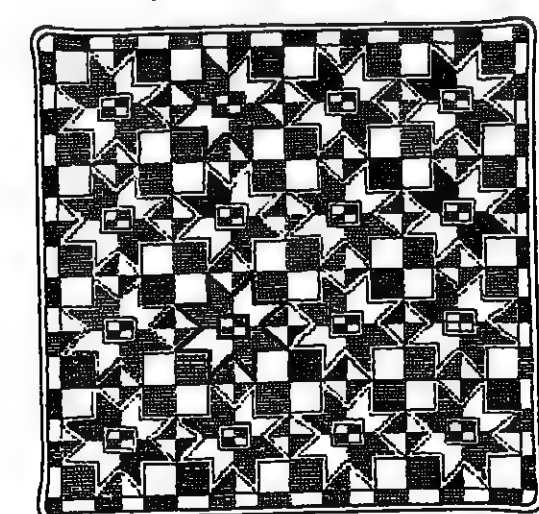
Art to a T

The graphic designer Jake Tilson, 26-year-old son of the painter Joe Tilson, is the latest artist to use a clothes shop as a gallery. From next Tuesday, an exhibition of his work will hang in the windows of the corner Warehouse shop in London's Brompton Road along with a line of T-shirts printed with his non-party, politically-charged message: "One World". The humanitarian theme developed by Tilson in a series of paintings appeals to the crusading spirit of Jeff Banks of Warehouse. Profits on the line (£2 on each basic £7.99 T-shirt sold) and donations collected in Warehouse shops (the reward is a stylish Tilson "One World" button badge) go to Shelter.

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★ **BLESS THE BRIDE:** Splendidly staged revival of Vivian Grey. Warmer. Jan Hartley has a lovely day. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, Fri and Sat 8.10-10.30pm. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-790 4000.

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★ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. Julia Cunniff joins the cast in an NT transfer. Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 8404). Mon-Thurs 8.10-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 5.15-7.15pm. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-836 8404.

★ **COURT IN THE ACT:** Gorgeous Gabriella Drake allows Michael Denison and dazles Les Montague in this gentle 1912 French farce. Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri 8.10-10.30pm, Sat 8.10-10.45pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 5.15-7.15pm. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-836 2294.

★ **FOLIES:** Sondheim's musical, in London at last, has Diana Rigg and Julie McKenzie leading a starry cast. Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-378 5933). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-378 5933.

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★ **INFIDELITIES:** William Gaskill's contemporary production of Chekhov's classic comedy, with Eleanor Bron and John Lynch. Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-741 2311.

★ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evergreen about guilts among the gentry. Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, SW1 (01-928 0283). Tube: Victoria. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-928 0283.

★ **KISS ME KATE:** After its national tour the RSC production is now in town with Paul Jones and Nicholas Martin. Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7618). Tube: Waterloo. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-928 7618.

★ **PORTRAITS:** New William Douglas-Home play with Keith Mitchell as Augustus John and Simon Ward playing three of his sitters (Morty, Matthew Smith and Cecil Beaton). Savoy Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 8404). Mon-Thurs 8.10-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 5.15-7.15pm. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-836 8404.

★ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play about the Big Bang transfers after a sell-out run at the Royal Court. Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 8404). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8.10-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 5.15-7.15pm. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-836 8404.

★ **THREE MEN ON A HORSE:** Marvellously funny and witty comedy. Geoffrey Hutchings and company joined by Frank Worsley for this National Theatre transfer. Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Thurs 8.10-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 5.15-7.15pm. Ticket: £10.00. Tel: 01-836 9888.

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FILMS

★ Also on national release
★ Advance booking possible

★ **AN AMERICAN TAIL (U):** The adventures of an immigrant mouse in New York, relayed in sturdy, old-fashioned animation by former Disney artist Don Bluth. The story, though, springs no surprises (81 min). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0810). Progs 1.15, 2.55, 4.50, 6.45, 8.40. St. Plaza (01-437 1224). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

★ **THE ARISTOCATS (U):** Re-issue of the Disney Studio's 1970 cartoon about a feline family under threat from an overbearing butler in an episode story, but the voice characters (by Phil Harris, Hermione Baddeley and Eva Gabor) are lively. Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.50. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0810). Progs 1.15, 3.15, 5.05, 6.55, 8.45.

★ **BLACK WIDOW (15):** A homicidal psychopath (his several wealthy husbands and is investigated by the Justice Department. Judicial system (played by Robert De Niro). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.50. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0810). Progs 1.15, 3.15, 5.05, 6.55, 8.45.

★ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Poised version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marisa Matini) (113 min). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.50. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0810). Progs 1.15, 3.15, 5.05, 6.55, 8.45.

★ **A GREAT WALL (PG):** Engaging look at clashing ideologies, with director Peter Wang as the Chinese-American architect (played by James Hong) who is invited to visit Peking with his family (102 min). Cannon Baywater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.50. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0810). Progs 1.15, 3.15, 5.05, 6.55, 8.45.

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Although the name Rick Wakeman was once synonymous with extremes of techno-flash bombast, it should not really come as a surprise to discover that, in the autumn of his career, he has clambered aboard the New Age bandwagon. After all, he's done just about everything else. A classical piano training at London's Royal College of Music prepared him for a spell as a top session player before his recruitment to Dave Cousins's folk-rock luminaries, The Strawbs, in 1970. Then he came to the forefront of the rock audience's imagination when he joined the leaders of the progressive movement, Yes, debuting on their 1971 album *Fragile*. Solo ambitions loomed and in 1973 he unleashed *The Six Wives of Henry VIII*, a singularly portentous "concept" album that paved the way for even more lurid performances like *Journey To The Centre Of The Earth* (1974) and *The Myths And Legends Of King Arthur And The Knights Of The Round Table*, a spectacular performance on ice at the Empire Pool in 1975, which was better remembered for the cash-flow problems it caused than for its precise artistic appeal. Now he has replaced the garish sequin and cloak costumes with a calmer ambience. Last year's *Country Airs* album topped the New Age chart and a follow-up, *Family Album*, is pending. Accompanied by his band, Wakeman and his wife, the singer and keyboardist, he begins a British tour tonight at the Memorial Hall, Gladstone Road, Barry, South Wales (0446 720400). 7pm, £5-£7.50. David Sinclair

FOR CHILDREN

★ **CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF THE YEAR:** Julia Eccleshay's selection. In conjunction with Book Trust, of the 300 most interesting books for young readers available during the year. Barrowland Library, Barrowland Centre, London EC2. Until Aug 28. Today 9.30-10.30pm, Wed-Fri 9.30-10.30pm, free.

★ **LOOKING INTO COLOUR AND GETTING INTO SHAPE:** Guided tours for the under 16s, looking at some of the most famous paintings and sculptures in the Tate Gallery. Free trail sheet on a related theme available from the information desk or education department. The Tate Gallery, Milbank, London

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FT 30 Share
1752.1 (+24.9)

FT-SE 100
2225.1 (+19.3)

Bargains
40534 (43885)

USM (Datastream)
207.81 (+2.03)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6310 (+0.0015)

W-German mark
2.9835 (+0.0060)

Trade-weighted
72.7 (+0.1)

Edinburgh fund hit in poor half

Edinburgh Fund Managers, which graduated from the USM to a full quote in July, saw its shares slip 13p to 363p yesterday following lower profits for the six months ended July 31.

Turnover eased from \$4.26 million to \$4.18 million following a 10 per cent fall in unit trust trading profits and the absence of certain compensation payments received in the first half of last year.

GPG rejects vote on jobs

Guinness Peat Group has rejected the offer from its largest shareholder, Capital Corporation International, to let shareholders decide on the appointment of 12 new personnel to Guinness Mahon, the merchant banking arm.

It also rejected Capital's claims that the appointment could cost GPG up to £50 million. GPG will announce the names and details of the appointments later.

Cambridge cut
Cambridge Electronic Industries, manufacturer of electronic components, reduced its interim dividend 27 per cent to 2.4p. Pretax profits jumped 25 per cent to £5 million on turnover up 8 per cent to £68 million.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	2703.92 (+5.58)
Tokyo	158.12 (+1.12)
Hong Kong	25754.23 (+10.86)
London	1752.1 (+24.9)
Frankfurt	3381.29 (+25.33)
Amsterdam	325.5 (+0.1)
Sydney	2088.2 (+0.1)
Paris	2028.5 (+5.1)
Brussels	1381.0 (+0.3)
Stockholm	115.5 (+1.3)
Zurich	588.0 (+1.4)
Oslo	1134.37 (+9.06)
FT 30 Share	1752.1 (+24.9)
FT 100 Index	2225.1 (+19.3)
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INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	10%
3-month interbank	10%-10.5%
3-month eligible bills	9.5%-9.7%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	8.75%
3-month Treasury Bills	6.13-6.12%
30-year bonds	9.75-9.8%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
£1/\$1.6310	£1/\$1.6310
£1/DM 2.9835	£1/DM 2.9835
£1/Sfr 1.4935	£1/Sfr 1.4935
£1/FFr 6.0785	£1/FFr 6.0785
£1/Yen 142.25	£1/Yen 142.25
£1/ECU 1.9363	£1/ECU 1.9363

GOLD

London	New York
£485.50	\$485.50
\$485.50	\$485.50
\$485.50	\$485.50
\$485.50	\$485.50

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep)	pm \$17.40bbi (\$18.25)
WTI (Sep)	pm \$17.40bbi (\$18.25)
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North Sea oil dips under \$18

Pressure eases for rise in petrol price

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

North Sea oil prices yesterday moved below the \$18-a-barrel mark, relieving pressure on government revenues from oil taxation, but at the same time easing the threat of petrol price rises.

North Sea Brent oil is now quoted at \$17.40 a barrel, a level that could lead members of Opec to call for an emergency meeting to review their existing fragile production and price agreement.

Suspicion that Opec is in breach of its own production quotas is giving rise to present rumours of over-supply in the market and falling prices.

There have been suggestions that Kuwait - despite its much publicised use of US-flagged tankers for exports - is building up a stockpile outside the Gulf area.

Some oil analysts who have been monitoring tanker movements in the Gulf said yesterday that while attention has been focused on the re-flagged tankers Kuwait has sent 30 tanker loads of crude out over the past week.

The key to price levels is whether production is being counted as "output" or "sales." Some Opec members are asking for an emergency meeting to clarify this issue, while others believe it is a matter for ministerial committees, and that the calling of an emergency meeting would only send the price even further downwards.

A lower oil price will be welcomed by the British consumer, who is enjoying the cheapest petrol price in

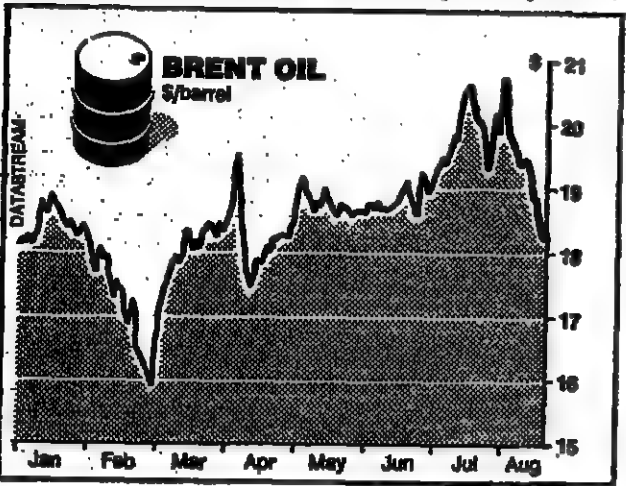
Europe and is also still able to take deliveries of home heating oil at prices lower than in Europe.

At least two leading oil companies had been planning petrol price increases to be announced in time to take advantage of this weekend's Bank Holiday demand. However, a combination of the lower spot oil price and the possibility of BP filling stations offering discount vouchers to applicants for shares in the company as part of the Government share sale, has meant these plans have been shelved.

Both Iran and Venezuela have complained to the president of Opec that the organization's quota system is being breached, although both had refused to suggest which countries are in breach.

They have asked the president, Mr Riwayi Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister, to trigger the Opec agreement to send a committee of senior ministers to each member country to investigate output.

Iran has traditionally called for a tightening of supply - it is the only leading Opec country that cannot meet its quota level - in order to send prices up, but Venezuela is now concerned that its share of the market in the US is being eroded by other countries which can supply the heavier crudes used in US refineries for blending.



Stock market sheds fears

By Michael Clark

The stock market was looking a bit more like its old self yesterday as it embarked on the new three-week August Bank Holiday account.

Equities made a confident start attempting to claw back some of their recent falls and struggling aside fears of higher interest rates stemming from last week's disastrous bank leading figures, which were

the worst on record showing a near £5 billion surge in credit during July.

Almost £6 billion was added to the value of quoted companies but prices closed a shade below their best levels owing to a dull start to trading in New York and the slide in the oil price.

The FT 30 share index finished 24.9 up at 1,752.1, having been 29.9 higher ear-

lier in the day. The broader FT-SE 100 index also reduced an earlier lead of 29.8 to close 19.3 up on the day at 2,225.1.

Government securities continued to recover with rises at the longer end of the market stretching to more than 1%.

Blue chips enjoyed selective support. But oils ran into nervous selling. Stock Market page 18

Pleasurama profits dip 15%

By Alexandra Jackson

The leading players in the international gambling fraternity have been staying away from London's top casinos. As a result, Maxims, Pleasurama's most select gambling club, lost money in the first half of the year.

This poor performance was an important factor in the 15 per cent drop in the group's interim pretax profits to end-June from £19.2 million to £16.3 million. As an expression of the directors' confidence in the future and to reduce the disparity between the interim and final pay-

ments, a doubled interim dividend of 2p, was declared.

Pleasurama has four London casinos apart from Maxims, three of which increased profits and one of which matched last year's performance. But the London operation made less money than in the first half of 1986.

Most visitors to London casinos are of Middle- or Far-Eastern origin. Uncertainty in the Middle East has made an impact on Pleasurama's operation.

Pleasurama is Britain's largest provincial casino operator

and profits from this source moved forward during the half-year. Although the London business remains more important, the imbalance is being corrected. Provincial earnings are less volatile.

These results were the first when profits from non-casino businesses surpassed those from the casinos. Casino trading profits fell from £11.9 million to £8.4 million while those from other leisure activities rose from £7.4 million to £9.2 million. Turnover from other leisure activities is nearly double that from casino operations at £66.3 million.

Last January, Mr George Martin left Pleasurama as chairman and chief executive after a board room dispute. His departure is thought to have been caused by a disagreement over the group's future development. He was succeeded as chairman by Mr Nat Solomon while Mr Warren Tuddenham holds the position of managing director.

Mr Solomon said yesterday the casino businesses remained crucial to the group but it was important to develop a more broadly-based company.



Spinning out from casinos: Solomon (left) and Tuddenham

Brent Walker saves Goldcrest from the final cut

£5m polish for Oscar-winner

By Joe Joseph

The British are coming - though not, as Mr Colin Welland boasted in 1982, to teach Hollywood how to sweep up the Oscars, but rather to pick up the pieces at Goldcrest, the floundering independent film company that thought it had cracked the secret of making films that pleased both the critics and the crowds.

The British saviour of the company which helped bring *Chariots of Fire*, *Gandhi* and *The Killing Fields* to the screen is Masterman, a video production company owned by the Brent Walker leisure group and Ensign Trust, an associate of the Merchant Navy Officers' Pension Fund.

What brought Goldcrest to its knees and into the arms of Mr George Walker, the former boxer who runs Brent Walker, was a string of misfortunes at the box office that reached a peak with *Revolution*. Mr Hugh Hudson's epic about America's war of independence is reckoned to have lost about £10 million.

In the two years to September 1986, Goldcrest lost about £30 million. Although it is believed to have been trading at only a small loss this year, it has never

really recovered its strength or the confidence of the film industry.

Mr Walker first dipped his toe into the film world a few years ago by backing such box office hits as Joan Collins' *The Stud*, and now heads one of Britain's fastest growing leisure groups and biggest casino operators.

Masterman is paying £5 million for the company once hailed as the jewel of the British film industry after pricing it from the clutches of Mr Earl Mack, a New York property developer with whom Goldcrest had devised a complex rescue package earlier this year.

Masterman says no one at Goldcrest will be sacked. It wants to keep the Goldcrest name, is looking for a stock market quote for the company as soon as possible, and has earmarked £5 million to get Goldcrest's film-making juices flowing again after the disasters of *Revolution* and *Absolutely Beginners*, a less painful loss-maker, but its pockets and blunted its cinematic zeal.

Mr Peter Coles, a director of Goldcrest, said: "Masterman has said to the board of Goldcrest that it wants to get back into film production, it wants to get

back into television production, it wants to get into cable television programming and it wants to expand its interests in local radio."

Goldcrest has been going through a fallow patch. The last major involvement was with *The Mission*. It hit the screens almost a year ago, and is likely to turn in a loss.

Two films with which Goldcrest is involved - *Hope and Glory*, a film about a boy growing up in the Blitz in London, and *White Mischief*, about early British settlers in Kenya - will be out shortly. Thereafter, the schedules are blank.

Mr Coles said Goldcrest no longer had a development section and relied instead on projects submitted by Allied Filmmakers, a film company run by Mr Jake Eberts, Goldcrest's former chief executive and the man who founded the company a decade ago. Goldcrest has an option to invest in or distribute the films.

But its biggest headache has been trying to attract partners to a company hanging on by the skin of its teeth, and without a sales team to market a film even if an absolute gem fell into its lap.

Sir Denis turns the small man against MacGregor

By Our Energy Correspondent

Sir Denis Rooke, widely acknowledged as the most combative and independently minded of company chairmen during his days as head of British Gas when it was a nationalized industry - the Government did back-down when he opposed its plans to split it into easily saleable units - appears to still be in sparkling form.

Standing at well over six feet and officially at retirement age he yesterday delivered a potentially knock-out blow to Sir Ian MacGregor, the Anglo-Scottish challenger for a seat on the board of British Gas. His opponent is has to be admitted is older and smaller physically. But in the past he has dealt with Mr Bill Sirs, the then general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, and Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Sir Ian has been nominated as a director of the British Gas board by a group of 10 disgruntled industrial customers led by Mr Philip Wright, chief executive, of Sheffield Forgemasters.

He has accepted an invitation from the company to take a seat on the board and represent the large industrial users, who claim to be paying 50 per cent more for their gas than their European competitors.

Sir Ian's nomination will be put before the British Gas annual meeting at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre on Thursday. Yesterday the three million British Gas shareholders were advised of the move by letter and asked to support Sir Denis in rejecting it.

Legally British Gas had to tell each shareholder, although it expects that at best 6,000 will turn up at Birmingham. The notification cost more than £700,000 in postage and stationery.

The large institutional shareholders are opposed and because of their holdings the move is unlikely to be well supported.

However, there are still a lot of small British Gas shareholders and they yesterday jammed the British Gas head office switchboard asking for advice on the matter.

Mr Graham Elson, of Kensington, whose annual gas bill



In fighting form: Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of British Gas

is about the national average at £300 a year said that he would have supported the move to have Sir Ian MacGregor on the board, but had already returned his proxy form to Sir Denis.

He took the step of telefaxing the registrar's department at the National Westminster Bank, which handles shareholder records, overruling his earlier decision and supporting Sir Ian.

He said: "The customer should have a voice and I support this move."

However, the majority of calls to British Gas yesterday accepted Sir Denis's view. British Gas had eight full-time staff dealing with shareholders

Text of letter to shareholders

We are obliged to send you the accompanying notice, at the company's expense, in which a shareholder is asking for Sir Ian MacGregor to be elected to the Board of the company at the Annual General Meeting.

We believe the shareholder is acting on behalf of Sheffield Forgemasters Limited. Sheffield Forgemasters are steel-makers and customers of British Gas who have been asking for lower prices and have made a complaint to the Director General of Fair Trading. We think that we supply gas to them at a fair price and are in course of responding to the Office of Fair Trading. We

do not think they should be able to improve their bargaining position by being represented on the Board.

No acceptable reasons for the appointment of Sir Ian MacGregor have been given to us. The Board believes it is against the interests of the general body of shareholders and customers for a director to be appointed to look after the interests of one section of customers. The directors should broadly represent the interests of all shareholders, as they do under the present Board.

Your Board is already well

Steak houses accounts qualified

By Lawrence Lever

Aberdeen Steak Houses, the troubled restaurant chain, has called in the police to investigate a shortfall of £163,000 at the company and the disappearance of its cash receipt books and certain branch returns covering a six-month period.

At the same time the company's auditors, Coopers & Lybrand, have qualified the accounts for the period to December 31, 1986 on the grounds that adequate accounting records have not been kept.

Aberdeen twice delayed the publication of its full year results for 1986 until announcing at the end of April a £208,000 decline in profits before tax to £605,000.

Two directors and the company's stockbrokers had resigned the previous month after the High Court ruled that the company had underpaid some of its staff.

The annual report shows a £541,000 profit before tax for the year.

Aberdeen's chairman, Mr Ali Salih, says the company's results were "adversely affected by a defalcation of takings of £163,000."

"This matter is in the hands of the police. The necessary steps have been taken to ensure that this particular way of defrauding the company cannot be repeated," he adds.

The £163,000 was taken above the line as an exceptional item in the accounts which has led to a statement from Coopers & Lybrand qualifying the accounts.

The auditors say: "The company has mislaid the cash receipt books and certain branch returns covering a period of approximately six months during the year. Accordingly, in this respect, in our opinion proper accounting records, as required by section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, have not been kept."

The auditors add: "We draw attention to the loss arising from defalcation of cash takings shown in note 4 to the accounts, most of which arose within the period for which the cash receipt books and branch returns referred to above were mislaid."

The accounts also refer to a contingent liability in respect of pending High Court claims for alleged underpayment of staff.

The accounts state that any claims will be defended.

However, Mr Salih says in his chairman's statement that the company is attempting to agree to the number of potential legal claims against it and the amounts involved.

"Shareholders will realise that it is expensive to defend small claims even if one is advised that there is a valid defence," he says.

He claims that Aberdeen has been the subject of "ill-founded press comment in regard to action by certain employees for alleged underpayment of wages".

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Police inquiry likely into CIC Share Shops scheme

By Lawrence Lever

The police are expected to be called in shortly to investigate the affairs of City Investment Centres, the licensed dealer that operated two Share Shops in London before being closed down by the Department of Trade and Industry last November. It is now in liquidation.

CIC was part of the collapsed Ravendale Group of companies run by Mr Chander Singh, the controversial Nigerian businessman, who left the country soon after the Share Shops were closed.

A spokesman for the DTI said yesterday that the Department thought Mr Singh was still in India.

"We don't have any address for him in India,"

The Official Receiver has completed a report into the affairs of CIC, which is likely to be passed on to the police.

The DTI would not comment on the content of the report or on any police involvement.

Eleven hundred people who bought or sold shares through the Share Shops will not receive any of their money back following the liquidation of the company.

A spokesman for the liquidators, the accountancy firm of Peat Marwick McLintock, said yesterday that nearly 10 months after the Share Shops were closed down, people who thought they had purchased shares through them were discovering, when they tried to sell the

shares, that all they had were worthless contract notes.

"People write to us and say 'Can we have our share certificates, please?' I have to tell them that we don't have them. No shares were registered in their name," he added.

CIC was closed down by the Department of Trade on November 7, after a three-month investigation. According to the liquidators it has a deficiency of around £1.3 million.

The CIC Share Shops operated out of shop-window high street locations in London's Fenchley Road and New Bond Street.

They offered investors the opportunity to deal at net prices, without paying commission, and flourished on the

back of the Government's privatization movement.

The company's turnover leapt from around £67,000 to £57 million when CIC decided to sell "popular" shares and open the first Share Shop. It operated as a principal when dealing with the public, rather than as an agency broker.

The 1,100 people who have lost money either sold shares through CIC and never received the proceeds or bought shares but were never registered as owners, and so did not receive share certificates.

At a meeting of creditors in February the DTI was heavily criticized by some of those who lost money both for granting CIC a dealer's licence and for taking too long to close the Share Shops down.

Satellite business aids US invasion

While British companies are expanding into the American market in record numbers many US companies are seeking ways to move into Britain. And several industries are growing up in the communications field to help them do it.

The Private Satellite Network, a business that allows transatlantic conferences, presentations and training films to be broadcast live anywhere, is moving into the British market in a big way.

Companies such as IBM, Wang and Merrill Lynch have used the satellite capability to hold business meetings and make presentations from the United States to England. It can also save time and money because it removes the need to send executives across the Atlantic.

Mr Richard Neustat, president of PSN, said: "There has been a tremendous interest in satellite transmissions from the United Kingdom in the past few months. In the US the system is pretty well used, but in Europe it is still fairly new."

Companies can go to a London hotel with satellite pick-up hardware or, for a few thousand pounds, can install their own equipment and hook into a broadcast in their conference room whenever they like.

"The advantage of the live satellite broadcast is the interaction. You can ask questions and get answers at the same time," Mr Neustat said.

Another new business growing out of the expanding global markets and particularly out of Big Bang is financial public relations, with companies from the United States plying their wares in London.

Miss Patricia Whitehead, a partner in Whitehead Associates, a New York firm, has just brought her first client to England.

"We will be bringing others over to meet with bankers in London and help them approach selling their products in Europe," she said.

Her company advises clients until they select an investment bank, lawyers and other corporate requirements. She added: "Our clients retain us for public offerings or if they want to raise money privately. There are many American companies who want to get into the European market, but don't know how to do it. That's where we come in."

Miss Whitehead has linked with Paragon, a British-based public relations firm so that there is a network on either side of the Atlantic.

COMMENT

Morgan vultures may miss their free lunch

Morgan Grenfell is "in play." That, at least, is the message of its share price. The tarnished blue chip bankers are valued at 15 times profits compared, for instance, with 11 times for Kleinwort Benson, a similar merchant banking/securities combine. And the vultures are gathering, with Lord Hanson, Jacob Rothschild and sundry Australians already prominent on its share register.

The instant drop in Morgan's shares after their flotation 14 months ago made the ground fertile for takeover talk. Takeover speculation gathered pace when the bank suffered a crisis of reputation and morale in the Guinness scandal. Names like Lloyds Bank and Deutsche Bank were rumoured to be taking an interest, but the Bank of England helped maintain an exclusion zone around the merchant bank at the time. It wanted Morgan to have time to collect its wits and allow its new management to sort itself out. That view has probably not changed.

Morgan has, after all, recovered well from the Guinness débacle under the tutelage of John Craven and Sir Peter Carey. A few desirable corporate finance customers have dribbled away to other merchant banks, but Morgan still retains pole position in the takeover tables for the first half of this year. Its securities operation is not the most successful of the new post-Big Bang businesses in the City, but at least it has not run into big problems, such as the paper mountain hanging over some of its competitors.

Nor is Morgan as desperately in need of capital as, say, Hill Samuel. It could do with extra resources, but can get along all right with what it has. Morgan's management is not denying to its staff that it is considering buying a large stockbroking firm to strengthen its securities operation, and that would not be cheap. But it does not mean Morgan itself is looking for a parent.

Despite all that takeover expertise, the bank could be stamped into being taken over, somewhat the way Hill Samuel was pressured by its Australian shareholders. But employees still probably hold more than 10 per cent after the 15 per cent allocation they received in last year's share issue. Willis Faber, which holds a 21 per cent stake crucial to any bid battle, is a long-time shareholder which has got much satisfaction out of its holding in the past. And Morgan shares are at last at a premium to last year's £5 issue price. Deutsche Bank's 5 per cent holding is also long term.

Since about 40 per cent of Morgan is in what would normally be friendly hands, the chances of a hostile bid look small. The bank might be tempted to rush voluntarily into the arms of a buyer if things started to go badly wrong with its business, but so far no major horrors have emerged. Its interim figures on

September 3 are expected to show a healthy profit, though down on last year's exceptionally good first half. And management sounds serious about wanting to remain independent.

That does not mean Lord Hanson, Jacob Rothschild, Robert Holmes & Court and Alan Bond will not make a profit on their investment. They are looking at one already. But Morgan is a different animal from Hill Samuel, and since last week merchant banking takeovers look an even more dangerous game than before.

Tomorrow the world

To many people, the warehouse economy has become a slogan of abuse, implying a retreat from the only real business of manufacturing. Quite what they make of the success of British venturers in the candyfloss economy of advertising, public relations and employment agencies can hardly be imagined, let alone printed. Yet the sudden rise of the British in the pin-stripe service trades is certainly a remarkable phenomenon.

Barring last minute alarms, Tony Berry has brought off the most remarkable coup by catapulting Blue Arrow to the world number one spot in employment services, via his \$1.3 billion (£800 million) agreed takeover of the American-based Manpower group. This comes after Martin Sorrell's raid on an astonished Madison Avenue to win J Walter Thompson. Public relations firms such as Shandwick are engaged in less spectacular worldwide empire-building.

The pioneers, however, were undoubtedly the Saatchi brothers. Whatever else may be said of them, they transformed the financial image of the advertising industry in the City. Flotation of advertising agencies was once seen — quite justly — simply as a method to turn partnerships into cash. The ensuing public companies were lowly rated, because their trading life was limited by the ability of most of the talent to leave and set up across the street. The Saatchi brothers showed that it was possible to weld different firms together and improve profits steadily by normal management and financial techniques.

There is little doubt that City attitudes were also influenced by the high prices paid for stockbroking partnerships — to which the same strictures applied — in the run-up to Big Bang. Once the image was changed, the City's ability to raise money quickly in a wide variety of ways supplied the crucial weapons for the West End's world-conquering ambitions. The new image may not last. But in a phase where services are growing faster than the rest of the economy, and creating more jobs, it must be of some value to have the top management talent in Britain.

Woolwich tax pledge expected

By Peter Garsland
Family Money Editor

The Woolwich Building Society is likely to give a legally-binding undertaking to secure the return of £57 million it won from the Inland Revenue in a test tax case.

The undertaking would be to return the money if the High Court ruling is overturned on appeal. The Inland Revenue will decide in the next few weeks whether to appeal.

The Woolwich argued it had double-paid tax as a result of transitional tax change arrangements in 1985-86.

Mr Alan Cumming, executive vice-chairman of the Woolwich, said yesterday that before the High Court judgment the Revenue had agreed the £57 million would be repaid "within a few days" if the Woolwich won. But a week after the judgment the Revenue had made clear it would repay the money only for a legally-binding undertaking to return it with interest if the Revenue won an appeal.

Mr Cumming is "personally niggled" that a letter signed by him and pledging a return of the money is apparently unacceptable. However, he concedes the Woolwich will probably provide the legal undertaking.

BHS unveils toy range with the Conran touch

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

BHS, the former British Home Stores which, as part of Storehouse, has been given the Sir Terence Conran flair treatment, is launching a new range of toys from the Storehouse chairman's design team. The range will go on sale in October.

BHS sees it — at a time when Storehouse's future as a possible bid target remains unclear — as strengthening the BHS label in the store chain's drive to change its image and consolidate its position further up market.

The range of Explorer 2 futuristic vehicles built on a non-violence theme is aimed at the £140 million market represented by children aged between five and ten.

Mr Mike Williams, BHS merchandise controller, said: "There appears to be an arms race among certain sections of the toy industry for who can produce the next more horrific concept. Our children may love it but it has gone beyond reasonable levels." The new range, he believed, would be highly stimulating while diverting children away from violence and destruction.

Explorer 2 will be backed by £250,000 promotional spending.

Mr Denis Cassidy, Storehouse deputy chairman and



Set piece: Mike Williams with one of the new toys yesterday

chairman and chief executive of BHS, said: "The move on toys means that we are at BHS now in all the major areas building on our own strong brand."

"We have done a remarkable job in moving from a trading policy based largely on price three or four years ago into one which injects more style, more reliability and more obvious quality, yet retaining the value for money."

Refurbishing of BHS stores has involved an investment of about £200 million. The chain, which has 129 high street outlets, made pretax profits up 20 per cent last time, Mr Cassidy pointed out.

The BHS store opening programme is continuing with a new outlet due at Harrow, Middlesex, in October and a rebuilt one at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, due to open in November.

Shandwick buys US PR company

By Joe Joseph

Shandwick, the public relations and advertising company, is continuing its dizzy pace of acquisitions and further strengthening its presence in the US by buying Casey Communications Management, an American public relations company.

The deal marks the latest in a string of takeovers by Shandwick in America and the Far East. A deal was struck by Shandwick only last Friday to purchase Gibson Public Relations, a Singapore-based firm which has just opened a branch in Hong Kong.

Shandwick, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, is paying an initial \$2.76 million (£1.7 million)

for Casey, which is based in Detroit, Michigan. The final bill could rise to a maximum of \$14.9 million depending on performance-related payments over the next two years.

Shandwick says the acquisition will throw up opportunities to refer business between its various offices around the world and offer many of its clients better representation.

In the year to September 30, 1986, Casey made pretax profits of \$1.45 million, although profits for the latest year are expected to sink to \$719,000 due to the cost of taking on extra staff, a move to larger premises, and less revenue.

Magnet slides on lower forecasts

By Alexandra Jackson

News gleaned during a routine visit last Friday to Yorkshire-based Magnet, the kitchen and timber products group, by two leading firms of stockbrokers, knocked more than £100 million off the company's market capitalization yesterday.

The shares plunged 17 per cent to 272p as the market learned that County Securities and Kleinwort Greaveson had published profit forecasts of around £55 million for the year to end-March 1988, significantly below most analysts' forecasts. County Securities, well-known supporters of Magnet, cut an earlier forecast by more than a fifth.

The brokers learned that

although sales were ahead of last year, margins had suffered during a June sales drive. This, combined with a lull in the "supershowroom" opening programme, meant that market expectations of profits well over £65 million were unlikely to be satisfied.

Mr Gordon Brown, financial director of Magnet, said yesterday: "We feel a lot more comfortable with these lower forecasts. Things had got rather overheated. We suspect that the market has become supply-rather than demand-driven and we believe that the situation has to be kept under control."

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Guide to a frothy market

David Gilmour, mine host at the Pavilion wine bar and restaurant in Finsbury Circus, was pipped to the post in his bid to buy back another popular City watering hole, the Bow Wine Vaults, last week. Gilmour, aged 43, who spent 17 years building up the Vaults — leaving in 1984 to start his own business in what was the old City Bowling Club pavilion — made an offer to his old bosses Exco (now part of British & Commonwealth) but was out-bid by Motcombs owner Philip Lawless. Gilmour has nevertheless found another wine bar and restaurant site just south of Blackfriars Bridge which he hopes to get off the ground just as soon as planning permission problems have been solved. "I would like to have a chain of two or three eventually," he says. To take his mind off last week's disappointment, he tells me that



"Best buy in the market these days"

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The bottom line?

If at first you don't succeed... Since leaving Harvard Business School 15 years ago American entrepreneur Dai LaManga has started up some 30 different business ventures, ranging from designer lounge pants to drive-in discos and all of them unsuccessful. Now, at the ripe old age of 40, he has at last upon the recipe for success, and made himself a millionaire. The winning idea

he has started a Louis Roederer champagne barometer — to measure City sentiment. A record of daily champagne sales will be kept alongside a log of stock market indices. Last week, even though the stock market fell by 58 points, the Pavilion sold more than 100 bottles of Roederer — at £20.50 a time. And that doesn't include the 250 or so bottles of other champagne brands which were also poured down customers' throats. Stay tuned for tell-tale fluctuations...

Pei's day

Before the tumblers start to roll for me, let me admit to a slight exaggeration in yesterday's claim that all Parisian buildings on the Champs Elysees axis from La Défense through the Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde to the Louvre were designed by non-French architects. The controversial glass pyramid

which was scheduled for completion next year in the middle of the Louvre courtyard is indeed the brainchild of Chinese-American architect Ioh Ming Pei, backed by the not-inconsiderable clout of President François Mitterrand. The rest of the Louvre site dates, of course, from medieval times, with major additions to the palace itself by Le Vau, architect of the Sun King Louis XIV, and later additions by Napoleon. And they were French, naturellement.

There's certainly no such thing as a City lunch in China. Even the country's legendary banquets are being curtailed. The state dinners, which once included as many as 40 courses, are, under a new diplomatic ruling, being restricted to four courses, including soup. The ruling also states that they must last no longer than 90 minutes. Barely time for the aperitifs.

Brittan at home

How the mighty are fallen. Former Home Secretary Leon Brittan, a casualty of the Westland affair, was last week to be found touring a new picnic site and toilet facilities beside a lay-by on the A1 in his constituency in Richmond, Yorkshire. The facilities there have apparently just been revamped at a cost of some £50,000. But the contacts he made during his time in office nevertheless hold good. His fund-raising efforts as patron of an appeal fund to restore St Mary's parish church in the town have proved so fruitful that the fund has been refused a grant by English Heritage on the grounds that its money should go to less successful appeals.

Brittan, who has helped raise £178,000 of the £280,000 needed for the first phase of restoration work says he intends to re-apply for a grant for the second £125,000 phase.

In stitches

Ian "Rocket" Stephenson, the beloved oracle of stockbroker Wood Mackenzie — who carries the official title of marketing and advertising director — is nursing a sore head. But it's got nothing to do with a hangover. Ian, just returned from an otherwise enjoyable family holiday in southern Spain, tells me that he dived, by accident, into the shallow end of the swimming pool, with the result... 22 stitches.

Carol Leonard

Portfolio
—Gold—

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Claimants should ring 0254-53272

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end September 11. \$Contango day September 14. Settlement day September 21.
 \$Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 18)

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295	85	Care (A) & Sons	288	280	-8	8.5	0.2	28.0

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Dynasty (L)	210	213	+3	6

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288	145	Dunsmuir	205	210		51	25	10.8
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240	113	Garrett, Samantha	215	225		8.5	3.9	12.5
99	37	Hacking, Pamela	74	77				31.7
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Edited by Matthew May

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Fast digital tape rival for the discs

THE WEEK

By Matthew May

While the use of digital audio tape (DAT) has still to catch on as a rival to compact disc, even with the advantage of being able to record as well as play music — the computer industry is already planning to make use of it.

Last week, Hewlett-Packard and Sony announced a joint venture to develop a range of products and a format using DAT as a storage method for computer information.

DAT provides high-fidelity sound comparable to compact disc, but despite the use of the word audio in the acronym DAT the fact that the tape stores information in the same binary format that provides the very basis of computing means it is seen as easily adaptable for data storage.

Though prices are still high for audio DAT recorders in Japan, around £800, and sales are so far disappointing, the hope is that when it finally takes off prices will fall in the same way as compact disc players have fallen and will provide a cheap unit to be integrated with PCs.

HP and Sony hope to get their first computer DAT products on to the market by the end of 1988, though it

faces the hurdle of getting the industry to accept its format if yet another batch of products that are incompatible between different brands of equipment are to be avoided.

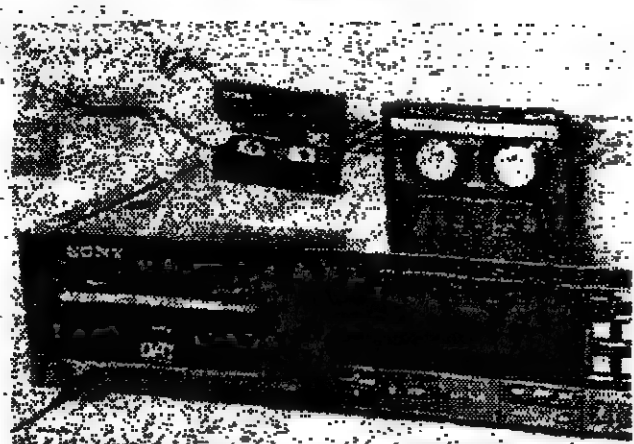
The problem with using tape instead of discs for computers has always been speed of access. To select randomly a piece of information to display on a screen may require a whole tape to be wound through before it is found. Since discs arrived, tape systems have largely been used for back up in business, though the low cost of the

The equal of more than 1 million pages

ubiquitous cassette has made it a favourite for home computers.

The technology behind DAT, however, allows both a higher speed of access and the promise of a data storage system from HP and Sony that could store a massive 1.2 gigabytes of information, which gives the prospect of storing the equivalent of more than a million pages.

Average access time on such a system would be 20 seconds



Sony's digital tape, left, compared with a conventional tape

which, says HP, is fast enough for online inquiry. Given the potential size of databases using the system 20 seconds is fast, though a long time for any system under continual use. Everyday users of such systems could probably search subsets of the information providing faster response.

Compact disc is already being used for computer storage of large amounts of information with a basic system available for under a £1,000. So far they have largely been used to publish computer versions of reference works that can make use of the huge capacity.

Like their audio equivalent, such systems cannot record information on to the compact discs.

Those systems using optical discs which do include the ability to write information to a disc still cost several thousand pounds. Known in computer jargon as WORMS (for Write Once Read Many) they also have the drawback of being unable to erase information once stored.

Proponents argue that the vast storage available makes it irrelevant for many applica-

tions. When information is no longer needed, those areas of the disc are masked off from further access.

But with DAT the option to record easily means it could become widely used for providing back-up copies and archives. With that too, though, comes the problem of the ease of copying that is a major factor in DAT's current problems. It has resulted in a squabble in the audio industry over whether DAT recorders should include a device to prevent copying.

Computer software already

Protection devices can be inconvenient

has its own problems over whether programs should be "copy protected". Some companies have avoided protection devices because of the inconvenience they can cause to genuine customers.

If a small DAT cassette becomes a convenient way to distribute bulky information, software publishers could become concerned at the ease with which perfect copies of their electronic books could be made.

Japan arrives just in time

THE EXPERTS

By Robert Matthews

Bradford University is building a computerized Japanese "management consultant" that it hopes will help firms to change their manufacturing techniques to the "just in time" methods used so successfully in Japan.

Despite the fact that such ideas as JIT, Kanban and Total Quality Control have been around for many years, pinning down what they actually mean and finding ways of implementing them on a computer has remained difficult.

The design of manufacturing lines based on them has therefore tended to rely on the knowledge and experience of a handful of human experts.

In a three-year project jointly funded by Lucas Industries — which is in the process of switching all its factories to the Japanese method — Dr Ashok Kochhar, professor of manufacturing systems engineering at Bradford, aims to overcome the haziness of the ideas, and to develop an expert system capable of turning the philosophy into practice.

The long-term target is to get the system on to personal computers, enabling even small firms to implement the techniques.

One of the key difficulties facing the development of the deceptively simple-sounding system is the interdependence of the basic concepts.

If products are to be produced "just in time", keeping a minimum of stock, it is necessary to use ideas known as Kanban to simplify the stock control and manufacturing system to the stage where it becomes flexible enough to produce products only when required.

This, in turn, calls for Total Quality Control, where each aspect of the manufacturing process is constantly checked to ensure that wastage is minimized, and any problems can be traced to their source rapidly: every minute counts with JIT.

According to Dr Kochhar, the expert system now being built incorporates rules derived from Japanese experts in the subject, with the rules being structured in the form of decision trees.

Coded using Prolog and POP 11, the methods are being put onto a Sun 3/50 workstation.

The machine will provide advice about which manufacturing system design techniques to apply, and how successful proposed solutions are likely to prove. Already Lucas has begun to

build parts of the software developed at Bradford on to its own personal computers, so that its manufacturing system redesign teams can speed the switchover to the Japanese techniques.

Dr John Parnaby, director of manufacturing technology of the Lucas group, believes that for UK industry as a whole "it's time now that we try to find ways of computerising manufacturing system engineering as we have production engineering", pointing out the impact CAD has had in product design.

There is likely to be considerable export potential for the system. According to Dr Kochhar, Western companies have tended to throw computer power at their manufacturing methodologies, with relatively little success. The Japanese, on the other hand, have gone right back to basics, and simplified their approach. Simplicity has brought about speed.

Dr Parnaby is in no doubt about the importance of the Japanese techniques for industry in this country. He says: "The high level of unemployment in the UK is not due to automation, robots or computers. We have lost market share because our manufacturing systems, designed using 1950s production engineering principles, are not competitive."

Nice niche for accessories

SOFTWARE

By Geoff Wheelwright

The chances of any further explosive growth in the software business would seem to lie in what the computer industry delights in calling "niche" markets. It could also be particularly good news for some British companies.

London-based Quantec Software, for example, has just introduced a new version of the QED desktop accessory software after a couple of years of solid success in the "niche" market it created for multiuser desktop software on IBM PCs.

Quantec's product has even managed to win the attentions of IBM, which helped distribute it largely because it was one of a kind and something it could get nowhere else.

The most attractive feature of QED has been its multi-user diary feature, where a number of electronic diaries can be kept on one central personal computer. If everyone on the system lists their engagements on the diary, they can be checked by others even when they're out.

A project manager, for example, who is trying to

schedule a meeting between all the people in his team, can look in the relevant electronic diaries of all the people who would be attending and select a time when all are free.

It sounds a small thing, but now that basic PC software is easily available it is such "targeting" and attention to detail that can make a new program pay off.

While this particular facility sounds simple, there were many other similar programs which did not have it, particularly when it came to working with computer networks.

Another software company to make its move during the traditionally sluggish month of August also got its first taste of success in the desktop field.

Borland International, which built its initial business on the sales of a program called Sidekick, could be described as a company specializing in "niche" software, though it is now big enough to want to expand into the general market.

Not only has the company recently been talking about releasing a new spreadsheet product to try and rival the product of the market leader, Lotus 1-2-3, but last week it also ratified the purchase of US database producer Ansa, whose Paradox database product is seen by many as a serious challenge to the best selling database dBase III.

The company's commitment to this diversification showed in its March profits statement, down \$4 million on the previous year and attributed to research and development costs.

The question for Borland will be whether to continue its policy of producing cheap software and aiming for huge volumes through distributors or to try to capture some of the corporate market that Ansa has been going after with its more expensive programs.

The latest tech. makes its mark

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From Michael Molinski, Santa Clara, California

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In May, for example, several start-up companies and established electronics businesses unveiled their products at a supercomputing convention in California.

Those new introductions, analysts say, could help make supercomputers — and their smaller counterparts, mini-supercomputers — affordable to a far wider range of customers.

Hal Feeney, an analyst at the market-research firm,

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Dataquest, said that the new entries are substantially smaller than the Cray models, but they can accomplish many of the same tasks at surprisingly fast speeds.

He added: "The new machines should stimulate the industry overall rather than take customers away from Cray." The new ones are smaller or more specialized than the Crays, Mr Feeney said.

Manufacturers are increasingly finding that supercomputers, despite their price tag, are a fast and economical way to bring their products to market.

Car manufacturers and aerospace corporations use them to conduct a wide variety of tests on their products, including simulated collisions that eliminate the cost of testing the actual products. Chrysler and Boeing, for example, own supercomputers. Norman Dawson, vice president for marketing at Chubb Computers, said: "It's a lot cheaper to crash a car on a computer than in real life."

Apple Computer recently bought a Cray for developing its personal computers, and Fairchild Semiconductor uses one for chip development. Mr Feeney said: "Many companies in the semiconductor industry are using Crays on a time-share basis."

A Cray supercomputer can cost as much as \$20 million. In the past, Cray's computers have been used almost exclusively by universities and the military, largely because they are the only computers that could afford them.

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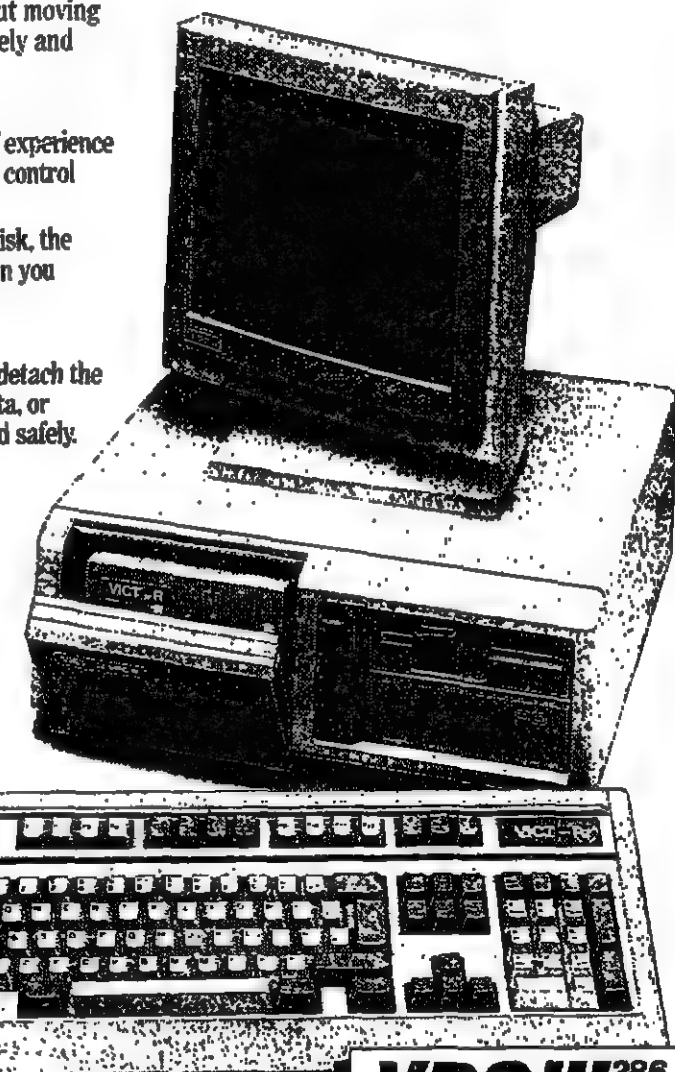
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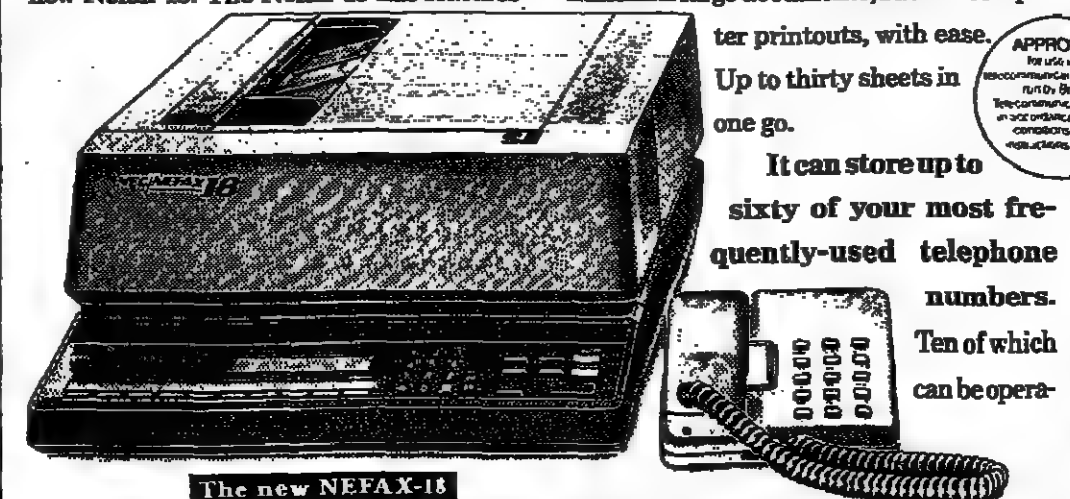
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Why Russia will not rush for our PCs

SOVIET UNION

By David Sanger

The planned liberalization of export controls allowing the USSR and other eastern-block nations to import an unlimited number of no-frills personal computers from the West is unlikely to result in a Soviet shopping spree in our computer stores.

The economic reasons for this are fairly simple. Most PCs allowed under the new rules are not powerful enough for most scientists and engineers who seek more capable "engineering work-stations," and too costly for Soviet schools.

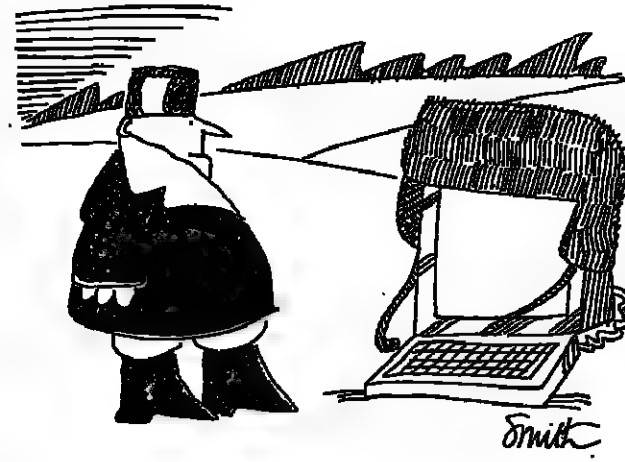
The relatively few microcomputers already in place in Russian schools, experts said, were largely Soviet-block clones of Apple Computer's line.

"That's the only thing they seem to have figured out how to make reliably," one expert who studies Soviet computers for US intelligence agencies. "For some reason, though the Taiwanese have copied IBM PCs, the Russians cannot get the hang of it."

What about the software?

But most officials said that political constraints were likely to be the chief factor in limiting the distribution of PCs. Though Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, has repeatedly said he plans to make computer literacy a key element of the Soviet educational system, many are wary of the machines' potential uses. Academics studying the potential impact of computers in the Soviet Union have pointed out in recent years that the machines are also useful as small printing presses and back-channel communications networks, which both threaten to decentralize political power.

An additional impediment to the widespread use of even basic PCs in the Soviet Union



may be the absence of compatible software. IBM and Apple software has been translated into various languages, but none of them use the Cyrillic script.

Stephen Bryen, the head of the US Defense Department's export-control office, said: "Everyone is going to learn quickly that the Russians don't want to buy machines, they want to build them. And that is what we will not give them the tools to do."

The loosening of controls in September will mark the first time that the West has allowed ordinary PCs, of the type commonly used in offices and homes for the last seven years, to be exported freely to the Soviet Union without export licences.

But the new rules will allow only the most basic PCs to be sold to the Soviet bloc — the kind, for example, that IBM stopped making last year — and no one expects the Soviets to use scarce hard currency to buy a lot of technology that dates back to 1980.

The current generation of personal computers including IBM's new PS-2 line, announced last April, and Apple Computer Macintosh computers, will still require licences.

A liberalization of the rules has long been sought by US allies in the Paris-based Coordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Controls that governs export regula-

tions, and by US computer industry executives.

Many others in the US who were against easing restrictions have back-pedalled over personal computers since it has become apparent that the Soviets are obtaining the machines anyway — usually through Taiwan and Hong Kong, where PC clones are produced by the hundreds of thousands in small factories.

A Soviet scientist wants to form a joint company with western firms to boost the quality of Soviet personal

Outside the export ban

computers, the Communist party newspaper Pravda said last week.

Boris Naumov, who once worked as a professor at a US technological institute, has proposed setting up a joint venture with one or two western companies to get round restrictions on exports of computer parts to the Soviet Union.

Mr Naumov, head of a Soviet technical complex entitled Personal Computers, suggested the joint company could buy parts freely on sale in the West which he said were outside the ban on the export of computer components. Under Soviet law, at least 51 per cent of joint ventures with foreign companies on Soviet soil must be Soviet-owned.

Britain's engineering industry, often condemned as being under threat and still living in the age of the last industrial revolution, is on the threshold of change.

The change is being brought about, not simply by the growing use of computer-aided design and manufacturing, Cadcam, and computer-aided engineering, CAE, but by recognizably changing roles for the specialists working in the field. They are becoming fashionable.

According to a survey by Industrial Market Research, 3,000 additional companies in Britain will start using computers for engineering design this year. Figures, quoted by a recruitment consultancy, Kramer Westfield, predict that almost 10,000 companies will use computers for engineering design during 1987, compared with 6,875 in 1986. By 1990, almost 14,500 companies are expected to be applying the techniques.

Inevitably this requires people. Though traditional computing skills are in demand, it is the engineering knowledge required from specialist staff that is starting to dominate the job scene. Part of the demand is created by the growth in work-station microcomputers operated by engineers.

Andrew Figiel, a specialist in the field at Kramer-Westfield, said: "Cadcam is becoming an accepted part of engineering. It is going through the same route that electronics CAE went, from initial two dimensional drafting to full Cadcam engineering. And now the larger companies are looking even further ahead. This

Engineers are hi-tech hi-fashion

JOBScene

By Eddie Conner

means that more engineers are needed."

Systems and equipment vendors are seeking engineers with commercial skills and salesmen with product and applications knowledge. Users are after CAE engineers who can grasp the financial and commercial implica-

Salaries are creeping up as a result

tions of their work. Increasingly the user wants managers as well as programmers and operators who have engineering skills but who are also articulate and business-oriented.

Mobility is another trend. Not only are Cadcam people moving to further their careers — as well as to take advantage of the fact that Cadcam took the lead in high-tech salary scales in 1986 — they are switching between users and vendors in order to gain experience.



Figiel: Cadcam's use

Salaries are creeping up as a result. Applications engineers with just three years' experience are now averaging £15,500 plus a company car, but it could be that this is just a temporary starting level.

Many larger companies with Cadcam and CAE experience are planning new integrated systems involving computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM), according to Mr James Wallis, a director of Cambridge-based recruitment company, Cadsearch.

Salaries, according to Mr Wallis, are not yet high enough. "To do this job," he says, "people have to integrate across the board within a company. That means paying them high enough salaries to give them a hierarchical respect within their organization. In some instances now, experienced CAE engineers, no more than in their mid-30's, with good academic qualifications and hands-on CIM experience, are getting £30,000 and more."

Interestingly, despite these new high salaries appearing occasionally, it is still less than the average £32,000, cost-of-living-adjusted pay and benefits level of the average technical CAE managers with only two years' experience in Munich.

That figure is given in a recent Kramer-Westfield comparative survey, which shows that by comparison the equivalent UK manager earns £22,000, though his north-eastern seaboard counterpart in America gets a relatively meagre £26,000.

Mr Figiel says: "German engineers are apparently a more valued part of society, and are recognized as professionals alongside doctors and architects."

"Also their further education goes on for a longer period. In Britain, engineers have been less recognized as professionals. Therefore socially they are not expected to earn as much."

All that could now begin to change if companies are to use CAE

Double the benefit for each £100,000

specialists to help them solve their CIM needs of the future, it appears they must give them not only the tools to do the job, but the status and pay that must inevitably enable them to be accepted in senior executive positions.

Mr Wallis says: "Companies are beginning to realize that by investing an extra £10,000 in CAE managers, they will see double the benefit for each £100,000 invested in new equipment."

You can't hack into the RAF, says the minister

One of the attractions of the computers that will provide the RAF with a command and control system has been the high degree of security. In announcing that the £37 million order was to go to a British consortium headed by ICL, Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said he believed the system should be totally safe from computer hackers picking up highly classified information. The system will bring together "off the peg" technology from throughout the world and modify it to meet the requirements of the Ministry of Defence.

Speculation that Sir Clive Sinclair is ready to announce further funding for his ambitious project to develop a superchip has proved a little premature. An official of his Anamorphic company — it means tautness in ancient Greek — said it hopes to

make an announcement about finance in weeks rather than months, but added that these things often have a habit of dragging on longer than expected. Sir Clive's plans to develop a silicon wafer that could replace a hard disc drive is considered particularly ambitious because several large computer companies have looked into the concept of

water-scale integration and given up. Computer researchers in the field react incredulously at the idea that Sir Clive will be able to achieve with a few million pounds what even IBM has been unable to develop.

Japan's Kokusai Denhin Denwa is to sell its TV telephone technology to

American Telephone and Telegraph. KDD is also negotiating with British Telecom and other European telecommunications operators and manufacturers on the transfer of its Invite 64 technology. AT & T is expected formally to sign a contract later this year to acquire the design and manufacturing technology of Invite 64 and start

production in the US. The system can send picture and voice signals at 64 kilobits per second.

A fugitive under indictment for illegally exporting millions of dollars of computer equipment to the Soviet Union was captured last week, not through a high-tech sting or armed crates of chips, but after being spotted by a Canadian Mountie while on a fishing trip in the Yukon. Charles J. McVey II has been seen top of the 10 most wanted list of Project Exodus, the US Customs Service's effort to stem sales of western-made high technology goods to the Soviet bloc. Mr McVey, along with a Swiss national and a Soviet trade official, has been charged that he headed a group of companies that diverted microcomputers and satellite-imaging equipment to Soviet institutes and military centres.

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Around me I could see palmists, Tarot-card readers, clairvoyants, hypnotists, astrologers, practitioners from every branch of the so-called occult sciences counselling their clients.

A load of hocus-pocus? Not a bit of it, according to one of the practitioners I buttonholed. He said: "The people here are often at a turning point in their lives." They were not interested in learning about tall, handsome strangers who were likely to cross their path; they needed advice.

I suppose most job-seekers are people who have reached such a turning point. This can be a nerve-racking time, especially for those who are no longer young and have enjoyed a fairly straightforward career till now. It is an increasingly common experience as more people are made redundant.

If your job has folded, you will probably scurry around trying to land another position in the same line of business, without pause, to consider whether it is right for you. Yet when you come to a crossroads like this, it makes sense to stop and look at the signpost rather than go blundering on to your destination.

Other people find themselves in a rut. If you are still in employment, you face a dilemma: you realize that a change of direction is called for sooner or later, but you may opt to postpone the evil day. This may seem a wise move at the time, but how will this affect you long term?

Both types of job-seeker would clearly benefit from advice: the former to avoid making hasty and perhaps inappropriate decisions; the latter to gain the confidence needed to make a change. The question is: Where can you get advice?

I will not suggest that you pop along to the little lady on the corner who purports to read tea-leaves, nor that you should scrutinize the daily astrological columns to glean some insight into your destiny. But a counsellor of some kind may be necessary. You need someone who can help you to identify your true aspirations and talents rather than just an adviser on how to present yourself to employers. A

Star-gazing may do wonders for our morale but there are more prospects in the market than is dreamt of in the average job seeker's philosophy, says Roger Jones

trusted friend may be able to fulfil this role quite adequately, but many people prefer a trained professional.

It is wise to inquire what is available free of charge. For people who are still in work or who have just become unemployed, a useful starting point is a half-day job-hunting seminar, run by PER (Professional and Executive Recruitment), which offers useful tips from consultants with up-to-the-minute experience of the job market.

To be eligible for other assistance of this type from the Manpower Services Commission, you have to have been out of work for six months or more. There are clubs run by Job Centres throughout the country to offer advice and facilities for people seeking employment.

Restart courses have been introduced for people who need pointing in the right direction. One-week courses, often held at local authority colleges, are open to people from all walks of life.

The management extension programme is not primarily a job-finding course but contains a counselling element during the first four weeks. For information on these and other government careers counselling programmes, see a Job Centre or PER office.

The alternative is to turn to a private-sector careers counsellor. It makes sense to shop around because fees and services can vary enormously. The Vocational Guidance Association, for instance, will give you tests to assess your personality.

In the provinces, you may be able to find a trained counsellor who can offer a similar service at lower cost. If you are not aware of one in your area, look in the careers advice section of the Yellow Pages. Or inquire at local colleges, some

of which now provide a careers-counselling service to all-comers, interest and aptitude, followed by a consultation with an occupational psychologist and a written report.

The fee is £189.75. You can return to the VGA for advice over the next two years at no extra charge.

There are other organizations in the counselling field which are more expensive, but in return for your investment they work with you through all stages of the job-hunting process: assessment, marketing, presentation and decision-making. Several claim to have a network of contacts, which gives them access to vacancies not normally advertised.

Cost is likely to be an inhibiting factor because the more extensive the service offered the higher the fees, which could run into thousands of pounds. Yet there may be cheaper ways. If you are under threat of redundancy, rather than already unemployed, ask whether your organization is prepared to finance a course of vocational guidance for you or other members of their staff.

If they are not and you believe that you need the full treatment, find a counselling firm which also operates an outplacement scheme. One organization I came across, the offshoot of a management consultancy, offers its job-seeking clients temporary assignments until they are back in permanent jobs. The salaries offered should at least offset the counselling fees.

Do not expect instant results. It may take time to discover where your strengths and interests really lie, and matching them to the realistic options open to you is likely to take even longer.

Turning points are inevitably fraught with uncertainty but they also represent a time of opportunity.

I am not necessarily excluding astrologists and palmists. However, if a Gypsy is able to set you thinking seriously about the options open to you, you have taken the first step along the road to a better realization of your potential.

For the nearest PER, look in your local telephone book, or contact PER at Rex House, 4 Regent Street, London SW1 (tel: 01-930 3484), for information. The Vocational Guidance Association at 7 Harley House, Upper Harley Street, London NW1 (01-935 2600), has branches in Cheltenham, Liverpool, Glasgow and Northampton.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

HEALTH CARE

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTH CARE

The Oxford Regional Health Authority plans for the provision of health care in the counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire. The nine authorities comprising the Region employ approximately 45,000 staff in a range of health professions. The implementation of our comprehensive and innovative Regional Training and Development Strategy has led to our need to create these two exciting new posts in the Regional Personnel Department.

TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR FOR PROFESSIONS ALLIED TO MEDICINE

Salary Scale £12,018 pa - £14,586 pa

The postholder will assist Authorities in identifying and meeting the post-basic training needs of the Professions Allied to Medicine (these include occupational therapists, physiotherapists, radiographers etc) and to assist in management development for these professions. The successful candidate will either be a senior member of one of the Professions Allied to Medicine with a proven interest and skill in training and development, or be a training and development officer with either a professional training qualification or appropriate research experience. Ref V134/87

If you wish to discuss either of these posts informally please contact Malcolm Shaw on Ext 238.

Closing date: 30th September 1987

ORGANISATIONAL & MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

Salary Scale: £12,018 pa - £14,586 pa

The postholder will be expected to stimulate, encourage and support organisational and management development within the Authorities in the Region. The successful candidate will hold a professional qualification and/or a post graduate management qualification and have experience in a large organisation either in management, management development or education. Ref V135/87

For both posts we are seeking people with imagination and flair, who thrive on a challenge, enjoy working with a wide spectrum of people, have excellent communication skills and a positive commitment to achieve.

For further details and application form, please contact the Recruitment Officer at the address below quoting the appropriate reference number.



Oxford Regional Health Authority

Old Road, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LF. Tel: Oxford 64861. Ext 228/268

SOUTH TYNESIDE HEALTH AUTHORITY
HEAD OF MIDWIFERY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
DNS Grade 4

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For further information and job description please contact: Mrs J.A. Weston, Assistant Director, Personnel Officer, South Tyneside Health Authority, Horsley Hill Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear NE33 3BN. Tel: (061) 4567711.

Closing date: September 4, 1987.

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ADMINISTRATION

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If you are interested in the above post please write or telephone for further details and an application form from: Claire Livingston, Personnel, Huntingdonshire District Council, Rufford House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 6TH. Telephone: 0485 42351.

Closing date: 11 September 1987.



DISTRICT COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
COMMITTEE CLERKS

(2 posts)

Scale 5/6 £8,790 - £10,647
(£8,989-£10,887 w.a.f. 1.2.88) (Spinal Point 22-28)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above post. The successful applicant will be expected to undertake a variety of duties within the Committee Services Section, including the preparation of agendas, reports etc., and attendance at Committee/Sub Committees allocated to them. Candidates should have experience in Committee administration, a good organisational skills, the ability to draft clear and accurate minutes and most importantly, they will need to have the confidence and personality to establish good working relationships with Members and Senior Officers of the Council. Assistance with removal and relocation expenses is available in approved cases. Flexible working hours are in operation and reduced staff insurance facilities are available.

A closed shop policy applies to this post. Application forms are available from the Head of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 3QL. Tel: (0255) 380651 ext. 318, to whom they should be returned by Monday, 14th September 1987.

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ADMINISTRATION



ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS
AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

ASSISTANT EXAMINATIONS SECRETARY

The College is a professional organisation conducting examinations for doctors wishing to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology.

The Assistant Examinations Secretary will be required to assist with the organisation of the College Membership and Diploma examinations which are held in the United Kingdom and overseas. Applicants should have a secretarial or administrative background and be at least 25 years of age. The person appointed will be required to work to deadlines. The salary will be £9,127 to £10,952 according to age and experience.

The College enjoys excellent working conditions which include free lunches, a flexible 35 hour week, 21 days leave plus public holidays and car parking. Please contact Mrs Anna Simmonds for an application form and details on 01-262 5425 ext 223 or RCOG, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATOR

The Heart Research Charity has a vacancy for an administrator within the Secretariat. The successful applicant will be responsible inter alia for:

1. Statutory obligations relating to personnel and data protection.
2. The pension scheme and keeping abreast of current regulations.
3. Renewal of leases and insurances.
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Mrs M Grange, British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

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Please write with full CV including current availability and salary to Madeleine Law, 8 Jockey's Fields, London, WC1R 4TJ.

BRITISH LUNG FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We require an enthusiastic person to assist the Director of this new charity, established to raise funds from research into diseases of the lung. As a member of a small team, you will provide administrative support at the Chelsea headquarters, assist in the establishment of new branches and help organise external events. Good communication and organisational skills are required. Experience of personal computers and financial records is desirable.

Salary: c£9,000 per annum.

Please contact Jenny Walton, British Lung Foundation, 12a Onslow Gardens, London, SW7 3AP.

Tel: 01-581 0226 (24 hours).

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Capital College, 47 Road Lion Street, London WC1H 4PP.

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CAMPAIN CO-ORDINATOR

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Full details, job description and application form from Secretary, North-South Campaign, c/o Oxfam, Regent's College, London, W1H 4PP.

01-481 5423. Closing date for applications 30th September.

MANAGEMENT

GREAT GRIMSBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

BUSINESS GRANTS ADVISER

This is an outstanding opportunity for someone with a knowledge of business or for an appropriately qualified new graduate.

A priority of Great Grimsby Borough Council is the development of business and we are committed to providing as much assistance and advice as possible. The Department of Trade and Industry is assisting with the funding of this post.

The main elements of the job are the provision of advice on the availability of grants and assisting companies to take them up. The job also involves liaison with the local Enterprise Agency and other bodies. It is essential that the successful applicant should visit the firms concerned and, therefore, car ownership is necessary.

This is the residual of a 4-year fixed term appointment and will run until June, 1990. The salary is £6,750 - £8,654.

Removal expenses, etc will be available in appropriate circumstances.

Interviews will be held on September 8, 1987.

Interested? Then write or telephone for an application form and job description to the Personnel Officer, Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square, Grimsby, 0472 242000, ext 1031, or for further details about the nature of the job from Gwen Swinburn, Assistant Economic Development Officer, extension 1071. Closing date, September 1, 1987.



Northern Ireland
Civil Service

DIRECTOR OF ESTATE SERVICES (GRADE 4)

Salary: £28,975-£30,475 (under review)

Closing Date: 10th September 1987

Job Reference: SB 50/87 Tel. Ext. 500

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND)

Applications are invited for the post of Director of Estate Services which has become vacant on the retirement of the present Director.

The Estate Services Division is the Departmental source of expert guidance to the four Health and Social Services Boards on estate management matters, including capital work, equipment and supplies, and directly executes major capital works projects in the Department's Capital Development Programme. The Director, supported by a Chief Architect, a Chief Engineer, a Chief Quantity Surveyor and an administrative Senior Principal, is responsible for the management of about 120 professional and 50 administrative staff. The Director reports to an Under Secretary and is a member of the Department's top management group for the health and personal social services.

The successful applicant will be required to implement proposals to reorganise the Division with the objective of ensuring cost-effective management of the services provided by it and of securing a change of emphasis from capital works to strategic property management. The person appointed will also be required to establish good working relationships within a multi-professional environment (including medical clinicians, nursing and social services staff) and between the Division and the four Boards. He/she will need to show qualities of team building and leadership and of being capable of managing change in a dynamic and complex field.

Applicants must have experience of carrying responsibilities of this nature and a proven record of managerial achievement at a senior level in a large and complex organisation. The duties of the post will entail some travelling within Northern Ireland and visits to Great Britain. Possession of a full driving licence and the use of a car are essential.

Only Chartered Architects, Engineers and Surveyors who meet these requirements are eligible to be considered. The post, which is open to men and women, offers secure pensionable employment and generous leave entitlement.

Starting salary will be related to qualifications and experience. Assistance with relocation expenses may be available.

The Civil Service Commissioners may decide to interview only those applicants who appear, from the information available, to be best qualified.

Please write to the Civil Service Commission, Rosepark House, Upper Newmans Road, Belfast BT4 3NP, or telephone Dundee 0457 for an application form (using the extension number indicated and quoting Job Reference). Completed forms must be returned to arrive not later than the closing date stated.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Salary: £27,699 - £30,468 (pay award pending)

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Applicants are sought who are highly motivated and can demonstrate strong and effective leadership qualities. They should possess sound professional and managerial judgement, a commitment to high standards of practice and a proven record of positive achievement in social services. Applicants must have social services qualifications and substantial experience of managing social services.

The Director of Social Services, Tom Foster, will welcome informal enquiries on 0772 254390.

Further particulars and application forms are obtainable from the Chief Executive, Clerk (0772/198), Christ Church, Preston, County Hall, Preston, PR1 2JA.

Closing date: 21st September, 1987.

LEGAL

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For further information and an application form please contact Chief Personnel Officer, Bromley Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, BR1 3UH.

Tel: 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service).

Closing Date: 4 September 1987.



Director Institute of Oceanographic Sciences

Deacon Laboratory Wormley, Surrey up to £28,215

Upon the retirement of the present Director Sir Anthony Laughton FRS in April 1988, NERC is seeking a Director to lead the recently renamed Deacon Laboratory of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences at Wormley and Hambledon.

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The Director will be a scientist of international standing capable of furthering the Laboratory's reputation as a centre of excellence in oceanographic research.

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Application forms may be obtained from Mr B. Hall, Natural Environment Research Council, Polaris House, Swindon SN2 1EU, or by telephoning (0793) 40101 Ext. 548.

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specific qualifications but a background of work in a relevant area of medical science or practice such as occupational medicine, epidemiology, toxicology or pathology is required.

For additional information about the work contact Dr J T Carter on 01-229 3456 ext 6117.

For further information and an application form (to be returned by 11 September 1987) write to Civil Service Commission, Alconon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468531.

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For informal discussion please contact Deputy Director of Administration, Mr M. Kenny, Tel. no. Barnsley (0226) 733232, ext. 2132.

Application form from the Establishment Officer, Central Offices, Kendray Street, Barnsley, S70 2TN. Tel. Barnsley 733222 Ext. 255.

Closing date 4th September, 1987.

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Eastbourne (0323) 27518.

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For informal discussion on the post telephone Ian Robertson (0734) 875444 ext. 3121.

We are also looking for a committed and enthusiastic Articled Clerk to take up a post by November 1987. The successful applicant will have taken the Final Examination and appointment will be conditional on successfully passing at least 5 heads. Articles will cover all aspects of the office's work including child care, planning and highways, trading standards, conveyancing and common law litigation. The successful applicant will be joining a very busy department and will be given responsibility commensurate with their level of development. The salary of £7,000 should be regarded as a base salary with an increase to £8,700 on successful completion of Law Society examinations. Relocation expenses will be payable in suitable cases and the post carries a casual car user allowance.

For informal discussion on this post contact Simon Dimmock Tel: (0734) 875444 ext 3110.

For job description and application form for both posts telephone or write to County Secretariat, St John's House, Reading, Berkshire RG2 9QJ. Tel: (0734) 875444 ext. 3105.

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Previous applicants need not re-apply.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO: CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, LADGATE LANE, MIDDLEBOROUGH, CLEVELAND, TS9 9EN (TEL. (0643) 326320) by 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1987.

Applicants who do not receive written communication within five weeks of the closing date should presume that their application has been unsuccessful.

We are an equal opportunities employer. All applicants who have the support of the Discretionary Resettlement Officer will be granted an interview.

WEST SUSSEX MAGISTRATES' COURTS COMMITTEE

MID - SUSSEX

PETTY SESSIONAL DIVISION

APPOINTMENT OF COURT CLERK

(SALARY: CC/PAD 11-15

(£12,414 - £ 13,917)

Pay Award Pending)

Applications for this position are invited from persons qualified as barristers, solicitors or in accordance with the Justices' Clerks (Qualification of Assistants) Rules 1979. The successful applicant will be required to take all types of court regularly without supervision and to undertake certain administrative duties. He or she must hold a full current driving licence.

The Mid-Sussex Division has a population of 125,000 with two court houses and one administrative centre at Haywards Heath. The officers are fully computerised and a new court building programme is currently underway.

The post offers scope and opportunity to gain experience of a small yet busy Division with varied workload. A relocation allowance and assistance with removal expenses will be paid in appropriate cases. The post is supernumerary and subject to J.N.C. Conditions of Service.

Applications marked 'Confidential' giving full details of age, qualifications and experience together with the names and addresses of two referees should reach me by the 2nd of September 1987.

ROBERT L STENT

CLERK TO THE JUSTICES

The Court House, Bolbro Road

Haywards Heath, West Sussex

RM16 1BZ

WEST SUSSEX MAGISTRATES COURTS COMMITTEE

MID-SUSSEX DIVISION

APPOINTMENT OF GRADUATE TRAINEE

(TRAINEE GRADE:

SALARY UP TO £ 7,155

(pay award pending)

A vacancy arises in the office of the clerk to the Justices for the above division and offers an excellent opportunity to a young person wishing to embark on a career in the magisterial service. Preference will be given to law graduates holding the qualifications of solicitor or barrister.

The starting point on the salary scale will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and J.N.C. Conditions of Service will apply.

Applications marked 'confidential' stating age, education and qualifications, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should reach the undersigned not later than the 2nd of September 1987.

ROBERT L STENT

SOLICITOR

CLERK TO THE JUSTICES

The Court House

Bolbro Road, Haywards Heath,

West Sussex, RM16 1BZ



SENIOR ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

Remuneration Package Circa £17k/4k

Inclusive of Car Lease

This post offers an excellent opportunity for a capable and enthusiastic young solicitor to handle a wide and demanding range of cases in the Magistrates' court, County Court and at Public Local Inquiries.

As a senior person within a young and forward thinking Legal Section you will play an active part in its management and efficient operation with an emphasis on conveyancing, contentious and non contentious work.

Previous Local Government experience is not essential and applications from newly qualified lawyers or those eligible in the near future will be considered.

In addition to the salary offered there is an attractive package of benefits, including:

"Substantial Relocation and Disturbance Allowance"

"Shared Equity Housing Scheme"

"Flexible Working Hours"

LEGAL

WE WORK FOR JUSTICE

And so could you! If you've passed the Law Society or Bar Finals and are seeking employment then why not consider a career as a Legal Adviser in Magistrates' Courts.

A position of Professional Trainee at either Alderhot, Portsmouth or Southampton Magistrates' Court offers you the opportunity to work for one of the most progressive Magistrates' Courts Committees in the country at a competitive salary (£8,178 - £9,594 per annum presently under review) and with the possibility of rapid advancement to a senior position within the service. Interviews will take place towards the end of September. Articles of clerkship are available.

Testimonial: Telephone either myself, or my Deputy Clerk, Jonathan Black on Portsmouth 315421 for further details or write with curriculum vitae and two references to: (Appointments, Confidential)

Kevin Dore, Clerk to the Justices, Law Courts, Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 2DQ

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER

Applications are invited for a new post of Deputy to the Administrative Services Manager, to work in the Administrative Services of the Department of Building Services.

Candidates should be graduates and/or possess a professional qualification or experience in a related field. The successful applicant will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the department's administrative services and will be expected to contribute to the development of the department's administrative services.

This is a most interesting and challenging position, and the successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of the department's administrative services. The successful applicant will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the department's administrative services and will be expected to contribute to the development of the department's administrative services.

Applications should be sent to the Registrar, The University, P.O. Box 147, Liverpool, L69 3GB, by 11.00 am on 1st September 1987. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview on 2nd September 1987.

TECHNICAL

GREAT GRIMSBY BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE
PROJECT ARCHITECT

£13,152 - £14,301 p.a.

Applications are invited from qualified architects, preferably with several years of post qualification experience. More recently qualified applicants will be considered and the commencing salary will be assessed accordingly.

The Architecture Section is responsible for the design and supervision of new building and improvement contracts, adaptations for the disabled and planned maintenance of Council property. In addition, the duties of this post will be to introduce and coordinate the role of the architect to the authority, hence a sympathetic approach to the special needs of the disabled is essential.

To discuss further please contact the Principal Architect, Mr. G. Stifford, on extension 1610.

A casual car user allowance is attached to this post. Full removal expenses and assistance with legal fees, temporary housing, etc. may be available in appropriate cases.

Applications form are available from the Personnel Office, Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square, Great Grimsby, DN31 1EU (0472 243000) extension 1651, or by return of the 11th September 1987.

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Department of Planning and Surveying

Senior Assistant Architect

Up to £13,912 (1 Feb 1988)

Working as part of an enthusiastic in-house Architecture Section, you will be responsible for maintaining high professional standards within the Department, you will lead a team providing a comprehensive service to the Council.

This includes specialised Housing, New Offices for the Department and New Sports and Leisure Facilities. Candidates should be Registered Architects with several years experience.

Knowledge and use of RUCAPS Computer Aided Drafting will be a distinct advantage. The post carries an essential car allowance and a car loan facility may be available.

Maidstone is the County Town of Kent, and London and the South Coast are only short distances away. The Council operates a generous relocation scheme.

Interested? Ring Brian Pile, Chief Architect, Head of Section on (0222) 802361 for an informal chat. Closing date 2 September 1987.

This Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Maidstone Borough Council

LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE

BUILDING CONTROL OFFICER LM51
Salary up to £13,622 incl.

A fully qualified and experienced person is required to fill this recently vacated post in our very busy Building Control Section.

The Section is in two teams and within each team the B.C.O.'s have their own area in which they deal with all aspects of the work.

An appropriate car user allowance is payable.

Redbridge offers the following benefits to all staff:

★ Legal and removal expenses up to £3,850

★ Interest free season ticket loans

★ Subsidised canteen facilities

★ Annual leave of up to 26 days plus 2 fixed days, depending on length of service

Application forms and job descriptions for this post are available from:

Director of Land Management,
London Borough of Redbridge,
P.O. Box No. 2,
Town Hall, 128-142 High Road,
ILFORD, Essex IG1 1DD,
or by telephone: 01-478 3020 ext 2058.
Closing date is 4th September 1987.

FINANCIAL

Business Management
In Cambridge Social Services

Cambridge Social Services is taking up the recommendations of independent management consultants to structure its operations along the lines of many successful businesses. The Headquarters has been included in this process, with the Finance Section being expanded and given a wider and more positive creative role in the control of the Department's financial resources.

Management Accounting Officer

To £22,802

Operating as the senior member of a small team your role will be to carry out effective and efficient analysis of available resources to enable senior management decisions to be based on precise financial evaluation of various 'packages'. You will be required to monitor expenditure, prepare budgets and identify areas of potential financial concern to enable management to be proactive rather than purely reactive.

You should possess a high degree of self motivation and initiative, together with experience of staff supervision, guidance and control to ensure the maximum utilisation of your available resources.

Computerised systems for financial monitoring are already available. The ideal candidate will have 'user' knowledge and expertise of such systems to enable your extensive examination of the present system with the aim of improving our computerised data base.

A relevant Degree or Accounting Technician standard qualification would be a distinct advantage. Public sector experience is not essential.

Resources Management Assistant

To £22,559

Reporting to the Management Accounting Officer you will assist in the monitoring of expenditure and preparation of budgets. Generally you will assist in ensuring that senior management are presented with accurate and timely financial information upon which to base their decisions. You should possess 'user' computer knowledge as you will be responsible for updating financial records and for the speedy handling of financially related enquiries from Senior Management.

Experience of public sector working would be an advantage as would the possession of a BSC Higher in Public Administration or equivalent.

Cambridge Social Services offers excellent conditions including assistance with relocation. This delightful location offers many other attractions, including secondary schools and housing.

Further details and application forms from Director of Social Services, 3 Victoria Place, Cambridge CB1 1EL. Tel: (0223) 23456 ext. 24476.

Closing date for applications 4th September 1987.

Post open to both men and women.

ACCOUNTS/ADMIN OFFICER

Minimum accounts qualified and experienced person required to maintain the Society's books, handle all day to day financial matters, prepare accounts for audit and handle various office and admin duties. Computer capability and typing essential.

The successful applicant will join a small staff in a gracious and friendly environment.

Gross pay starts £11,395 rising to £14,115. Pension Scheme. Applications in writing, giving address, telephone number, C.V. and names of two referees who may be approached, to: Executive Secretary (Personnel), Royal Astronomical Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1V 0NL.

SENIOR AUDITOR

£14,000 - £17,300 + Harwell (under review) (Oxfordshire)

The Authority is a major research and development organisation with some 14,000 employees. Its work centres on the civil development of nuclear power, but also embraces a wide range of other projects undertaken at its research establishments for customers in many sectors of Government and industry. The Authority operates as a trading fund and has an annual turnover of around £400 million.

The post of Senior Auditors offers an excellent and challenging opportunity for a qualified accountant to direct a specialist team of up to eight in the audit of management control systems at our establishments in the South of England and at our London Headquarters; the post is based at Harwell in Oxfordshire. Reporting to the Chief Auditor of our Southern Audit team, your duties will involve the development of long and short term audit programmes and ensuring that these are undertaken to high professional standards. You would also be involved in developing the wider use of computer interrogation techniques.

The post would suit a qualified accountant with experience of modern audit techniques. The ability to motivate an audit team is essential and you should also be able to communicate effectively with all levels of management, particularly in writing.

For an informal discussion about the job call Graeme Iles on 0235 24141 Ext. 2098 during office hours.

Application forms and further details can be obtained by writing to: Mandy Kaseley, UKAEA, 11 Charles II Street, London, SW1Y 4QP. Telephone 01-530-5454 Ext. 370.

Closing date for return of completed application forms: 18th September.



UNITED KINGDOM
ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Linguists

JOINT TECHNICAL LANGUAGE SERVICE

...for challenging and varied translation and/or transcription, working with excellent facilities including computerised working aids in the pleasant environment of Cheltenham and the Cotswolds.

There are some opportunities to retrain in other languages, good prospects of promotion according to language proficiency, with a generous leave allowance and flexible working hours.

You must have a thorough knowledge, to degree level or equivalent, in any one of the following: Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Chinese, or Japanese.

Salary (under review) £7,475 - £11,025 plus language allowances. RELOCATION EXPENSES AVAILABLE IN MANY CASES.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 14 September 1987) write to Civil Service Commission, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB, or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551 (answering service operates outside office hours). Please quote ref G(3)389.

The Civil Service is an equal opportunity employer



CITY OF WORCESTER
City Housing Department

Chief Administrative & Development Officer

PO 34-39 £12,882 - £14,769

Housing in Worcester is operated through a comprehensive Department (including DLO) employing over 140 Professional, Technical, Administrative and Manual staff.

This key post is responsible for the administrative co-ordination of this service together with the development function (research, training and consultation). Other duties include Departmental personnel procedures, estimates and budgetary control and participation in the corporate management of the Department via membership of the Management Team. Applicants must have had wide experience of local authority administration, preferably in a Housing Department. Personal qualities we will be looking for are good communication skills, an analytical mind and a capacity to organise a heavy workload to meet tight deadlines. A good grasp of developments in H.T. would be a distinct advantage. Applicants should also possess an appropriate qualification (ICSA, IOH).

Further information and application forms (to be returned by 4th September 1987) can be obtained from the City Housing Officer, Flaxley House, Flaxley Street, Worcester WR1 3EB. Tel. No. (0905) 724371, ext. 336. The City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

APPEAL DIRECTOR

An enthusiastic, hard-working, responsible fund-raiser is required for Action for the Victims of Medical Accidents (AVMA). This Charity was set up in 1981 and has already established good working relations with medical and legal bodies, to help all those who suffer medical accidents.

Age is not a critical factor and the post could well suit a recent graduate wishing to embark on a career in the voluntary movement, or an active and energetic person who has already retired.

Experience of fund-raising is not essential, but the Appeal Director should be highly motivated and prepared to work with a team of professionals, including fund-raising consultants, as well as on his/her own initiative.

Salary is in the region of £10 - £12,000 p.a.

C.V. please to the Director, AVMA
24 Southwark Street, London SE1 1TY

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

AUSTRALIA

CSIRO
INSTITUTE DIRECTORS

The Board of CSIRO has approved a major restructuring of Australia's largest scientific research organization to align the Institutes and Divisions more closely with the client industries. The goal is to maintain CSIRO as a leading scientific organization, but improve the application of research results for economic and social benefit.

The Board now wishes to appoint to the key positions of Institute Directors persons with outstanding leadership qualities, significant backgrounds in science and technology and considerable experience in the management of research and development of a senior level.

The six Institutes in which the Organization's research will be carried out by the divisions are:

- Information and Communication Technologies
- Industrial Technologies
- Minerals, Energy and Construction
- Animal Production and Processing
- Plant Production and Processing
- Natural Resources and Environment

A Director of an Institute will be responsible for the strategic management of the Institute, setting strategic directions, allocating resources to the constituent Divisions and developing relationships with industry, government and the community to promote the Institute's research and the transfer of research results to industry and other users.

An attractive salary and conditions package will be offered. Further information can be obtained from the Chief Executive, Dr Keith Boardman, FRS.

Expressions of interest should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive
CSIRO
PO Box 225,
DICKSON, ACT 2602
AUSTRALIA

To be received no later than October 8, 1987.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION.

WELFARE
ADMINISTRATOR

Applications are invited for the above post by The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Benevolent Fund Limited - a registered charity. Experience of Administration, Case Work, Co-operation with Statutory and Voluntary Bodies in the welfare field is required. Age 35 - 50 preferred. Salary (including London Allowance) on Scale £14,465 - £16,465.

Applications by Wednesday 2 September 1987 to The Secretary, RICS Benevolent Fund Limited, 2nd Floor, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9RJ (01-387-0578) from whom a job description may be obtained.

Social Workers

SECTION 11

£9,061 with possible progression to £12,882 Reading Division, a busy urban serving with a substantial Afro-Caribbean/Asian population, seeks 2 Social Workers from these backgrounds for the Division's frontline which is responsible for Social need within these specific communities. We have already made some headway in encouraging black clients to test out (and criticise), our service provision and we want to build on this positively.

We offer the right candidate strong professional support and there is peer group support from the Black Community Support Unit. There are regular meetings with the Management Team to examine and influence policy and practice. This Division is committed to equal opportunity and is working to defeat racism.

If you hold a CQSW we would like to talk to you - ring Tony Jones, Deputy Divisional Director, or Margaret MacKethnie, Assistant Divisional Director on Reading 586111. Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading RG1 3BE. Tel: Reading 586111 ext. 310. Closing date 7th September

Royal County of
BERKSHIRE
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

MEPC
RECORDS
OFFICER

MEPC plc, second largest property company in the UK, based in Park Lane, wishes to recruit a Records Officer to be responsible for the custody, recording and filing of all Deeds relating to the company's properties and for the remote storage of archival documents and correspondence files and, when necessary, their retrieval.

Previous library training, preferably with a property company, and commercial legal or company information experience, would be desirable. Ability to type, and computer usage experience an advantage, although training will be given.

Applicants, who should be aged between 45 and 55, should possess a methodical mind, be able to communicate at all levels of management and to work on own initiative.

An attractive and competitive remuneration package will be offered to the successful applicant.

Please apply in writing to:

D C Pratt, FCIS
MEPC plc
Brook House,
113 Park Lane
London W1V 4AY

PERSONAL TAX

£ NEG
We have been instructed by an eminent City firm to select and introduce a Solicitor of high calibre, with an emphasis on personal tax and commercial law. He or she will be responsible for a substantial workload in personal tax advice and planning on behalf of clients of substance. A highly competitive salary will be offered in the successful candidate together with the definite prospect of imminent partnership.

CONVEYANCING

£ 23 K
Two Solicitors with around two years' PQE in commercial conveyancing are sought by this established City firm. Practical knowledge of property development and/or experience in high quality work for major retailers will be a great advantage.

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£ 16 K
A major City practice with an international, corporate clientele wishes to recruit a well-qualified Solicitor to join this expanding team concentrating on employment and immigration matters.

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A first rate opportunity exists for a Solicitor admitted for up to 5 years, to join a medium sized central London practice and undertake a varied work with an emphasis on trusts and personal tax together with estate protection.

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University of Oxford
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SCIENCE
DESIGN ENGINEER MECHANICAL - RAJA

Design Engineers (Mechanical) in the Department of Engineering Science, The Design Engineer's duties and responsibilities will include:

1. Teaching and Designing in Undergraduate Courses with particular emphasis on the operation of Computer Aided Design (CAD) for mechanical engineering.
2. The provision of advice and assistance to undergraduates with their design projects in the production of a design report.
3. The provision of support to the research activities of the Department.
4. The development of techniques to enable the best use to be made of Computer or Numerically Controlled machines made available by the Department.
5. Keeping up-to-date with new design development and techniques for CAD/CAM including computer graphics - computer aided design.

The appointment will be made for 3 years in the first instance. The person appointed will have a good first degree in an appropriate discipline and will have some relevant experience in design engineering. The successful candidate will be expected to take an active part in the re-structuring and development of the Department of Engineering Science, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PJ, and will be expected to work with the design and development of new products.

Please quote 19200 in all correspondence.



BOROUGH ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

BOROUGH SERVICES OFFICER

PO 46-49 £17,574-£18,768

Applications are invited for the appointment of a Borough Services Officer, a key post, to be responsible for the Management and control of the Department's Direct Works Section. The section consists of a Highways Division including Sewerage and Street Lighting and a Building Works Division with a full range of trades working for client departments, generally within the Borough, on all aspects of Highways Maintenance under Agency arrangements for the Highways Authority, Maintenance of Borough Properties for the Department of Property Services, Forestry maintenance, Toller maintenance and a variety of other work for other Departments in the Council. The organization consists of some 200 persons including staff and operatives and works from a Central Depot.

The Department is in the course of negotiating and implementing a complete re-structure of the present organization, to achieve an effective 'commercial' policy to improve its performance in the competitive competitive environment. The successful candidate will be expected to take an active part in the re-structuring and to demonstrate a total commitment to the job, the ability to manage in the competitive environment, the ability to communicate well, and the ability to control expenditure involving computer technology.

Experience in Local Government procedures would be an advantage and candidates should hold relevant professional qualifications. The job provides for casual car allowance, relocation costs up to £3,500 and reimbursement of telephone rental.

Application forms and further information may be obtained by writing to: Mr. K.S. Trollop, CEng FICE, Borough Engineer, Civic Centre Victoria Avenue, Southampton-on-Sea SS2 6BN or by telephoning 0702 355301. The closing date for applications is 4th September 1987.

SENIOR
CONVEYANCER

This is an excellent opportunity for an experienced and commercially orientated Legal Executive to join the Legal Department at Harpenden which serves the fast-expanding Northern Homes Counties Region of Bovis Homes Limited.

The successful applicant must be able to communicate effectively with the management team, and handle major acquisitions and disposals as well as dealing with all aspects of Estate Development extending to a mix of residential and commercial lettings.

The salary will reflect the demands of the post and a company car will be provided along with other benefits.

Applications marked 'Confidential' with full C.V. should be submitted to:-

M J Platt
Regional Legal Manager
Bovis Homes Limited
Legal Department
Davenport House
Bowers Way
Harpenden
Herts AL5 4HZ



COMPANY/COMMERCIAL WC2

Solicitor urgently needed to assist Senior Partner with varied work including Tax and an increasing amount of Company and Commercial work, including public companies. City experience preferred. Good prospects. Apply with CV to:

Keith Harrison, Judge Sykes & Harrison,
9 Kingsway, London WC2B 6YF.

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AND
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We are also seeking to recruit one solicitor to handle matrimonial and civil litigation. The work load will be varied and challenging.

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Apply in writing with full CV to:
R J Atkins
263 Green Lanes, Palmers Green
London N13 4XE

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Reading
Busy office handling mortgage work urgently requires conveyancing solicitor. Terms negotiable.
Tel: Mary T Potts
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01-481 4481

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

01-481 4481

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West End
£16-£30,000

Four high calibre Solicitors are currently required by this reputable medium sized firm. Applicants should have up to 5 years relevant experience preferably with some exposure to corporate finance related matters. This represents an excellent opportunity for ambitious young lawyers seeking a high level of responsibility and first class prospects in this demanding field.

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For details of these and other vacancies, please contact Judith Farmer or John Cullen.

TRANSACTION
EXECUTION LAWYER

Major International Investment House seeks qualified lawyer for its Transaction Execution team, which is principally concerned with the documentation of bond issues and commercial paper programmes. Aged 25-30, applicants must have at least one year's relevant experience gained in another financial institution or a major City practice. This represents an excellent opportunity for progression into other banking areas.

COMMERCIAL SOLICITOR
London

Our client, one of the world's largest international oil companies, is seeking a solicitor with 3-5 years experience to undertake general commercial work. The applicant must have good conveyancing experience, including sound knowledge of the Landlord and Tenant Act, and be able to undertake a range of company matters. The prospects and remuneration package are highly attractive.

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THE LEGAL & FINANCIAL RECRUITMENT SPECIALISTS
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TELEPHONE: 01-583 0073 OR 01-587 0208 (EVENINGS & WEEKENDS)

AA Legal Services

The Automobile Association offers a wide range of free legal advice, assistance and representation to its Members and control of that Service is exercised from Head Office in Basingstoke.

Due to a combination of development and natural wastage, the Department is now seeking to recruit to the following positions:

Solicitor, Legal
Services

c.£17,750

Reporting direct to the Executive Manager, Legal Services and in liaison with the Secretary, the Solicitor is responsible for provision of specialist advice to other departments of the Association, including our Travel and Insurance Divisions as well as Membership.

Vetting of advertising materials, detailed consideration of UK and European legislation as it affects the Association, and drafting of detailed working papers form part of the varied workload.

Applicants aged between 28-35 will have spent some time in private practice, but now wish to undertake more detailed consideration

of the law in its various forms, as it affects a large commercial undertaking.

Senior Legal Advisers
(2 posts)

c.£10,960

Responsible for providing advice to Members and other AA Departments and involved in updating information and literature produced by the Department.

A challenging and responsible post covering the whole area of law arising out of the use and ownership of motor vehicles.

Knowledge and experience of contract law, Road Traffic legislation and Magistrates Courts procedure would be desirable. Suitable for a recently qualified Barrister, Solicitor or Legal Executive wishing to make a career in a commercial environment.

All the above posts carry an attractive benefits package, which includes relocation assistance where appropriate. To apply, please write with full CV to the Personnel Department at the address below, or telephone (0256) 492971 for an application form, quoting Reference No. 8347.

AA

THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION, FANUM HOUSE, BASING VIEW, BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE RG21 2EA.

Meredith Scott

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Medium sized EC2 practice seeks solicitor probably up to 3 yrs qualified for range of Private Clients work.

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Tax with major EC2 practice. Commercial property with substantial EC4 practice. Company/commercial law with medium sized EC4 practice.

01-583 0055

Meredith Scott, Barrister, 17 St. James Street, EC4V 1AA
01-541 3897 (after office hours)

READING
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Established practice requires residential conveyancer to manage busy branch office, employing 30 staff, which provides services to a major financial institution. The successful applicant will assume responsibility for day to day operations at an early stage. In addition to sound conveyancing experience, good organisational skills and a business sense are essential. Minimum age 30. Excellent salary and career prospects reflect the importance placed on this position.

Tel: Mary T. Potts 01 404 4114

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SALARY £8,000

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Mrs. C. McFadden, LL.B., Solicitor, Justice's Clerk, Slough Magistrates' Court, The Law Courts, Windsor Road, Slough SL1 1LA, Berkshire.

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VAT return 'furnished' by posting

Hayman v Griffiths and Another
Walker v Hanby
 Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann
 [Judgment July 27]

Where the taxpayer, who carried on trade and was registered for VAT under the Value Added Tax Act 1983, had completed the required return and posted it in a pre-paid and pre-printed envelope supplied for that purpose, he had furnished the return to the Controller of Customs and Excise at Southend in compliance with regulation 58(1) of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 SI No 886).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in giving reasons for dismissing on July 6 the appeal of Mr Peter Arthur Hayman, an officer of the Customs and Excise, from the dismissal by the Aberystwyth Justices on September 26, 1986, of informations preferred by the officer against Mr Arthur Owen Griffiths and his wife, Mrs Elizabeth Mary Griffiths, for failure to furnish a return, contrary to section 39(8)(b) of the 1983 Act, as amended by section 12(3) of the Finance Act 1984; and allowing the appeal of Mr Peter Alyn Walker against his conviction by the Northampton Justices on June 25, 1986, of an offence under section 39(8)(b) of the 1983 Act, as amended. He was fined £100 and ordered to pay £75 towards

the costs of the prosecution.

Paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 7 to the 1983 Act provides: "Regulations under this paragraph may require... the making of returns in such form and manner as may be specified in the regulations..."

Regulation 58(1) of the 1985 Regulations provides: "Save as the Commissioners may otherwise allow, every person who is registered... shall, in respect of... every period of 3 months ending on the dates notified either in the certificate of registration issued to him or otherwise, furnish the Controller, not later than the last day of the month next following the end of the period to which it relates, with a return on the form numbered 4 in the Schedule to these Regulations..."

Mr David Pannick for the officers in both cases, Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the defendants in the first case, the defendant in person in the second case.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that in the first case the officer had adduced a certificate under paragraph 11(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to the 1983 Act that the taxpayers had failed to make a return for the relevant period and gave evidence that no record of a return had been received by the commissioners. The justices accepted the taxpayers' evidence that they had posted the return in the pre-paid envelope within the due

period and that the return had been duly furnished.

Mr Pannick submitted that "furnish" within regulation 58(1) meant provide or supply on its ordinary English meaning; that meaning involved a receipt of a thing before it could be said that the thing had been furnished.

His Lordship said that the apparent consequence was that if a taxable person posted a form 4 in accordance with the words printed on the form, then he was guilty of a criminal offence if the form was not received by the addressee.

Such a consequence seemed surprising but was not impossible since primary and secondary legislation combine to secure its achievement. However, that consequence was rejected by the Scottish High Court of Justiciary in *Altman v White* (1986) STC 1, where the facts were identical to the instant case.

That authority was persuasive for the court. The issue was it so when regard was had to the desirability of a uniform system of taxation being uniformly interpreted throughout the UK.

Mr Pannick submitted that that decision was wrong, first, because the words printed on form 4 could not limit the obligation to furnish; second, those words did no more than give aid in facilitating the making of the return; third, that the Scottish court was wrong in

holding that the Post Office was the commissioners' agent, that there was no factual basis for such agency and that the agency was one to carry and not to receive.

His Lordship rejected those contentions and agreed with that authority. The obligation to furnish derived from regulation 58(1) and was an obligation to furnish a return on the form 4, which form instructed the taxable person what he was to do. The regulation by its adoption of the form had effected a refined meaning of "furnish".

His Lordship agreed with Lord Wheatley, Lord Justice-Clerk, when he said (at p6c) that by giving the instructions on the form the commissioners "were adopting the Post Office as their agents, and must accept responsibility for the non-delivery of the return which was posted".

Accordingly, the justices had been right to acquit the taxpayers and the appeal should be dismissed.

In the second case, the justices were wrong in their opinion that the requirement to furnish a return was absolute and would not be complied with merely by proof of posting, and thus that appeal had to be allowed.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise, Morris Bates & Godwin, Aberystwyth.

Right to see lawyer does not delay breath test

Director of Public Prosecutions v Billington
Chappell v DPP
Copyright v DPP
DPP v Kimble

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Mann
 [Judgment July 20]

Section 58 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, giving a person under arrest and in custody the right to see a solicitor as soon as was practicable, did not require the police to delay taking a breath, blood or urine specimen under section 8(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 of the Transport Act 1981, until after the suspect had consulted a solicitor. Further section 58 of the 1984 Act did not provide a suspect with a reasonable excuse under section 8(7) of the 1972 Act, as substituted, for failing to provide a specimen until he had seen a solicitor.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in (a) allowing an appeal by case stated by the Director of Public Prosecutions against the acquittal by Stockport Justices, of Julien Billington on a charge of failing to provide a specimen for analysis contrary to section 8(7) of the 1972 Act; (b) disallowing an appeal by Leonard Chappell against his conviction for a

section 8(7) offence by Stockport Justices; (c) disallowing an appeal by Nicholas Corywright against his conviction by Brighton Justices for a section 8(7) offence; and (d) remitting the case of Glen Rumble to the Bedford Justices for reconsideration on the DPP's appeal against an acquittal on a section 8(7) offence.

Mr John Shorrocks for Billington; Mr John E. Jackson for the DPP; Mr John Shorrocks for Chappell; Mr John E. Jackson for the DPP; Mr Philip Katz for Corywright; Mr Roger Hayward-Smith for the DPP; Mr Michael Fowler for Rumble; Mr Anthony Fogg for the DPP.

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LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that he could not accept that there was nothing in the 1984 Act, or the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s66) Code of Practice to prevent the taking of a specimen, all that was required was that the defendant be permitted to see a solicitor as soon as practicable.

Equally there was nothing to change the section 8 procedure as described in the line of cases starting with *Law v Stephen* (1971) RTR 358 and continuing through to *Chief Constable of Avon v O'Brien* (1987) RTR 182.

His Lordship was relieved to reach that result for two reasons:

McNeill) so held on July 21, when allowing the appeal of Helen Claire Bland against her conviction on November 7, 1986 at St Albans Crown Court (Mr Recorder Elliot and a jury) of two offences of possessing a controlled drug with intent to supply for which, on December 2, she was sentenced to three months' imprisonment suspended for two years.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the prosecution had relied solely on the fact that the appellant was living with a man at a time when

(i) it was important that the procedures under section 8 should be gone through as quickly as possible and (ii) if section 58 of the 1984 Act had had the effect alleged there would be a difference between the rights of a defendant who had been arrested and one who had agreed to go to a police station voluntarily.

Mr Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Lake New & Hurst, Stockport; CPS, Stockport; Chief Constable, CPS, Stockport; Wynne Baxter Godfrey, Brighton; CPS, Brighton; Bachelors, Bedford; CPS, Bedford.

Although knowledge on the part of the appellant could be inferred from the circumstances, assistance, though passive, required more than knowledge.

It required the further element of encouragement at least, or an element of control. Such elements were entirely lacking at the close of the prosecution case, and the recorder should have withdrawn the case from the jury.

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Evidence of assisting offence

Regina v Bland

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The Court of Appeal (Mr Justice Otton, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice

McNeill) so held on July 21, when allowing the appeal of Helen Claire Bland against her conviction on November 7, 1986 at St Albans Crown Court (Mr Recorder Elliot and a jury) of two offences of possessing a controlled drug with intent to supply for which, on December 2, she was sentenced to three months' imprisonment suspended for two years.

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The boy from 'the wrong side of the street' who made good, was relieved of his duties, and kept his dignity intact

The job the removers handled with care

by Ted Croker

The sacking of Sir Alf Ramsey, manager of England's World Cup winning side, split opinion within football. Ted Croker, secretary of the Football Association, describes how the decision was made in the first of four extracts from his autobiography *The First Voice*

You Will Hear Is...

The decision to remove Sir Alf Ramsey from his post as England team manager was effectively taken on St Valentine's Day, February 14, 1974. That was the day the FA set up a committee called the "Future of Football" whose brief was "to consider our future policy in respect of the promotion of international football".

What it really meant was Sir Alf's future because, by then, there was a feeling within the FA that we had to bow to popular opinion as represented in the newspapers. Nearly all the critics wanted him out, and it appeared that we could no longer think of offering him a new contract when his present engagement expired in June of that year.

This was despite the support given to Sir Alf by the full international committee following the Poland defeat. Item 17 of the minutes of a meeting of the committee on November 5 read: "On behalf of the members of the committee, Mr Dick Wragg, the chairman, expressed sincere regrets to Sir Alf Ramsey that the England team had been eliminated from the World Cup but wished to place on record that Sir Alf Ramsey had the unanimous support and confidence of the members of the senior committee."

I attended the first meeting on March 1 and it was obvious from the start that the members of the committee were intent on making a change. Sir Andrew Stephen (the chairman of Sheffield Wednesday) said that Sir Alf had seen him and asked for a new contract and an increase in salary. But he pointed out that Sir Alf was 53 and the committee had to consider whether he would still be capable of doing the job in five years' time. It was imperative that England succeeded at international level.

Sir Andrew also questioned whether the back-up team of Les Cocker, the assistant, and Harold Shepherdson, the trainer, were suitable. England's recent results had been poor but there was no guarantee that a change of manager would see an improvement.

Dick Wragg, of Sheffield United, felt that no snap judgements should be made and wondered whether it would be better to replace the coach and trainer and hope that Sir Alf could adapt himself to the new structure. He was concerned with Sir Alf's attitude to the press and felt that it was



Bearing up under pressure: Sir Alf Ramsey holds court in a meeting with the press after a World Cup defeat in 1970

essential that his public relations should be improved. It could not be overlooked that Ramsey, Cocker and Shepherdson were in charge of the team that won the World Cup in 1966 and had a wealth of experience.

The point was made that it was essential for England to have a successful international team with good staff to administer it, good public relations and a good manager who was willing to liaise with club managers. It was proposed that a new man should be appointed, provided satisfactory arrangements were made for Sir Alf, and this proposal was accepted.

Sir Andrew Stephen and I met Sir Alf and told him that his services would not be required. He was given three months' notice from April 30. Sir Alf asked that no announcement should be made to the press before May 1 to enable him to notify his family before they read it in the newspapers - we agreed to his request.

I felt desperately sorry for Sir Alf because he was an honourable man who had done his best for his country for more than 10 years. But I felt the committee had made the right decision. It was time for a change. Sir Alf's style had been successful but when change was needed he did not seem to be adaptable enough. England's failure to

qualify for the World Cup was a crippling blow which was only partly due to the lack of co-operation of some clubs.

By the time the next committee meeting took place on April 30 we had taken steps to appoint Joe Mercer as a stand-in manager for the summer tour. This was to give us time to examine the replies to the advertisements and settle on a permanent successor. Dick Wragg reported that he had contacted Derrick Robins, the Coventry City chairman, and Robins had given permission for Joe Mercer to be approached.

The news of Sir Alf's dismissal was released on May 1 and I was amazed at the reaction. Those critics who had been calling for him to be sacked now attacked the FA for being heartless. The people who pilloried him now made him a martyr.

Typically, Sir Alf kept himself to himself and, despite many efforts, did not tell his story to the newspapers. That was another manifestation of his immense integrity. He brought certain high standards to his job and never allowed them to fall.

A week after his sacking, I attended the annual dinner of the Football Writers' Association at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel. I was the chief speaker but soon realized it was not the ideal time for me to be speaking in public. The Bloomsbury

Centre was not one of my favourite venues before that night and it certainly was not afterwards.

I had attracted some bad publicity over the sacking and sensed that many of the football writers were very sympathetic to Sir Alf. A certain Donald Gould, described in the *London Evening News* as Sir Alf's best friend, was quoted as saying: "I wish I could meet this fellow Croker. I would give him a piece of my mind."

I was not able to tell them that I was not a prime mover in the affair but had merely carried through a decision of a committee. I do not suggest for one moment that I was opposed to the decision - but I was still very sad. Sir Alf was someone whom I had respected enormously. His own playing style epitomized everything I believed in and tried to achieve.

He was, like me, from the "wrong side of the street." He had made good and had earned dignity to a game that, even today, seems loath to dispense with the cloth cap image. If, during his tenure of office, he had received a bad press it was almost certainly because he chose his words carefully and favoured no one. This did not mean that he did not prefer some journalists to others but he was scrupulously fair.

It was probably his simple honesty that caused the incredible turn-around in press opinion when

he was sacked. The critics may have felt that they had played their part in bringing him down, but were not prepared to share the blame, if there was blame to share. The public reacted in a similar way and the mood was quite definitely against the FA.

My carefully prepared speech was light-hearted because it was not an occasion for heavy, political-style speeches. I looked at it and knew it was so far from the awful depression I felt. I could not use it. During the meal I wrote down one or two headings and vowed to do it.

Eventually it came to my turn to address the 600 or so writers and their guests, who included most of the biggest names in football. By that time it was becoming a little noisy because the wine flows pretty freely at press functions. I knew at once that my speech was a disaster. I have no recollection of what I said but I knew it dragged on and on. I probably drank more wine than was good for me to ease the gloom. When I sat down there was muted applause, not for what I had said but because I had stopped!

The next meeting of the special committee took place the following Wednesday and a short list was drawn up from those who were thought to be candidates. They all came from first and second division clubs.

From this list, Gordon Jago, of Queen's Park Rangers, Gordon Milne, of Coventry, and Jimmy Bloomfield, of Leicester City, were considered to be the most suitable people to interview. All three wanted the job and it was agreed to ask their chairmen for permission for the interviews to go ahead.

While the interviews were being conducted and the FA was deciding its next step, Joe Mercer stepped in to bring a welcome feeling of fun and joviality to the England set-up. When he arrived at Lancaster Gate to talk over his seven-match caretaker role, he asked for me at reception. The Belgian receptionist asked him: "Do you have an appointment?" And he replied: "Yes, for seven matches."

Joe did not want the job full-time but he wanted to make sure that his brief spell in charge was enjoyable, not merely for himself but for everyone. He was laughing and joking all the time and I admired his fortitude on the tour of East Germany, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia, because he kept smiling despite a painful back condition which partially immobilized him.

The Yugoslavia match was the final one in Joe's temporary spell in charge. The FA now had to decide on a full-time replacement for Sir Alf. It turned out to be a straightforward selection, but the man we picked was to prove a bad choice. My brother Peter warned me that Don Revie would not be successful. Alan Hardaker was the other person who said to me that we needed our heads examined.

I knew little about Don Revie as a person but believed, along with everyone else on the committee, that he was the outstanding candidate. How wrong we were to be!

TOMORROW

In the High Court with Don Revie
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TENNIS: AN AUSTRALIAN AND A BRITON FORM A DOUBLE WHOSE BRIEF IS TO RALLY A NATION IN THE DOLDRUMS

Jacques vows to jack up British game in a year

By David Powell

If resolution is to be trusted, Britain will again be a dominant force in the world game within the next five years. Bold statements came thick and fast at Queen's Club yesterday, when the Lawn Tennis Association confirmed Warren Jacques and Richard Lewis as the men to head the nation's recovery programme. So rapid was the fire it was redolent of Bistley or, if you prefer, Wimbledon's first two days when British players fall like skeets from the sky.

Jacques, an Australian, aged 49, assumes the role of international squad director from October 1. He has been given a five-year contract and will be responsible for all British men's players in international and circuit squads, including Davis Cup and European championship teams. His predecessor, Paul Hutchins, stood down because his duties were too wide-ranging: too much administration and not enough time for coaching.

Hutchins has been heard. Four men will do the job previously carried out by him alone. Lewis, the former British No. 2, aged 32, has been given a three-year contract and is to concentrate on coaching and training the under-18s. Two more national coaches to work under Jacques will be named later.

"I am giving myself a five-year plan but I hope to do everything in a year," Jacques, who confesses to being a disciplinarian, said. "Over the next few years British tennis will be on the way up. I will be in a tracksuit 90 per cent of the time. I have got all the time in the world to work with the players and travel with them and do all that is necessary to get the hungeriness out of them. I shall travel with them, analysing their matches, even stand outside their door at night making sure they get their sleep."

As one who knows a good player when he sees one (he coached Kevin Curran to the Wimbledon men's singles final in 1985), Jacques sees hitherto unharmed talent in Jeremy Bates and Stephen Shaw, the singles players who were beaten by the Yugoslav Davis Cup defeat in Yugoslavia last month when they were relegated from the world group.

Both are ranked outside the world's top 100 but Jacques said he was confident they could reach the top 50 and probably higher. Stephen has potential to be in the top 50. Paul had an impossible job bringing players to their peak because he had so many things to do.

The Cubans collected 75 golds in the 15 days of competition, saving their best performance for the boxing ring over the final weekend where they won a record 10 golds in the 12 weights.

With the exception of a handful of events, the United States' domination resulted in generally lacklustre and second-rate competition. Action on the track and in the pool was frequently disappointing, with many leading athletes absent and the best United States and Canadian swimmers committed to the Pan-Pacific Championships.

The Games also failed to lay to rest memories of Caracas, in 1983, when there were 19 drug-related disqualifications. The embarrassment of the hosts, the hammer silver medalist, Bill Green, was among six athletes disqualified here.

Several other competitors escaped punishment after being found with traces of the steroid-masking drug, Prebenocid, in their urine. The drug, which prevents the detection of steroids, has yet to be added to the International Olympic Committee's list of banned substances.

Nowhere was the United States' domination greater than in the pool, where they won 27 of the 32 gold medals available, although Silvia Poll helped break the monopoly with a personal tally of three silver and three bronze medals to single-handedly ensure Costa Rica enjoyed their best Games.

Another to surprise was Anthony Nesty, who won the gold in the men's 100 metres butterfly for the first time, which has just one public swimming pool.

Brazil pulled off one of the biggest upsets when they beat the United States 120-115 in the men's basketball final.

Caristan for Rome (AFP) — The European champion and record holder, Stéphane Caristan, of France, will run the 110 metres hurdles at the world athletics championships in Rome. The Frenchman said his groin injury, which has troubled him for the last month, has cleared up.

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Sokol Cup Third round. Herts v Clyde. Hibernian v Queen of St. Rait v Dundee Utd.



Putting the Great back into Britain: Jacques (left) and Lewis, the men who aim to do it (Photograph: Dennis McNeelance)

THE NEW TEAM AT THE TOP

Jacques, who will continue his association with the British women's squad, was promised unlimited financial backing. "We have a very substantial budget for taking people around the world and we are ready to invest in this plan in all its aspects," Geoffrey Cass, chairman of the national training and international match committee, said.

It probably all sounded too good to be true for Jacques. And indeed it was. Nobody had told him that usually Davis Cup captains can sit on the bench only if they are the best of the country they represent. Which is why the well-known Yugoslav, Niki Pilic, has just become a West German.

Lewis, who will have age-group coaches working under him, said that success would not be achieved overnight but added: "Tennis in this country is on the up. A lot of the work that has been done in the past is going to pay dividends. I will set standards for the youngsters and if they don't come up to scratch they can go elsewhere."

Warren Jacques, aged 49, is an Australian who played on the world circuit from 1958 to 1968 and for six years was ranked in the top 10 in his own country. He reached the last 16 at Wimbledon in 1962 and in 1970 was the WCT doubles champion with Roy Emerson. He has successfully coached Kevin Curran, Steve Denton, Bill Scanlon, Anne Smith and Kathy Jordan. He is already doing sterling work for Britain in coaching and captaining its women's teams in the Federation Cup, Wightman Cup and European championships. He has also been helping Jeremy Bates, the British No. 2.

Richard Lewis, aged 32, is a Briton who was ranked No. 2 in the country in 1982 and was in its top 10 for 10 years until 1985. He has performed in the Davis Cup and King's Cup and he played on the professional circuit for 13 years, beating 30 players ranked in the world's top 50. He has coached Kathy Jordan, Marcella Mesker and Sara Gomer and he worked with Hana Mandlikova when she won the United States Open in 1985. He has been regularly involved in programmes at Britain's National Training Centre, he has also served on the board of the World Association of Tennis Professionals.

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Gavaskar out for a Bombay duck

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: The Rest of the World, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 340 runs to beat MCC.

The bicentenary match proceeded according to expectations yesterday until Gavaskar was brought down to earth after Gattling had declared MCC's second innings at 318 for six, leaving the Rest of the World with 353 to win and a possible seven overs to bat last night.

In the first of these Gavaskar lost his off stump to Marshall, and before he had stopped play with nine balls left only the spirit of the occasion may have prevented the umpire, Shepherd, from giving Haynes out as well, before to Marshall. What a leveller the game is. Cheered all the way in after making 188 on Saturday, Gavaskar now made nought; but for that, too, he was warmly received.

Of those who had batted for MCC only Broad did no good. With scores of six and two, he has had a disappointing match. But Gooch, Gower and Hadlee all got some runs, and Greenidge scored his 78th first class 100, a number exceeded among West Indians only by Richards. Sober, Kalicharran and Lloyd.

Considering how menacing the sky often was, it was providential that we had almost a full day's play. It was punctuated, even so, by various unscheduled delays. There were running repairs, for example, to Dujon, when he and Emburey collided, and time had been lost when Border took over behind the stumps to allow Dujon to have his back attended to. With 56 overs being bowled by the spinners, a rate of 14 overs an hour was still ridiculously low.

The pitch is so well preserved and so well prepared that it would have done for a

timeless match. Many who are not playing would have preferred it that way. They have enjoyed the atmosphere and appreciated the absence of the chanting that accompanies most modern Test matches and all the kissing and hugging and general poodle-faking that goes on on the field. Yesterday's crowd of 15,500 was as large as there has been on a Monday at Lord's for many a year.

After Broad had been out early, hanging off his bat at Kapil Dev and caught at the wicket, Gooch and Greenidge added 135. Gooch played like a man freed from his shackles. It was good to see. He quite outshone Greenidge, and it is not often that anyone does that. Coming in in the sixth



over, by when Greenidge was nine, Gooch had made 60 by lunch to Greenidge's 37.

How strange it is in the way that form, having been so illusive, suddenly returns, whether to the golfer or the fisherman or whether the sportsman or snooker or darts, shove l'penny, bowls or cricket.

A blind man listening to the sound made by Gooch's bat yesterday as he hooked Walsh for successive fours would have known that there was a man no longer at odds with his game.

From 12.10 until 5.50, with a break only for two changes of end, Qadir bowled his leg breaks and googlies mostly from round the wicket to a leg-side field. I wonder when a leg spinner last bowled virtually



Stooping to a reverse sweep: Greenidge lends further legitimacy to the stroke as he tries to circumvent the field at Lord's (Photograph: Hugh Rostledge)

unchanged for 36 overs at Lord's. Jim Sims? Chandra Sekhir? Ian Peebles? Tuppy Owen-Smith, Greville Stevens? It was good to see, though I thought it a pity that Qadir put quite such an emphasis on containment. The reverse sweep became, as nearly as it reasonably can, a legitimate stroke, simply to circumvent the field.

Forty minutes after lunch Gooch was bowled by Harper, trying to work him through extra cover. He had batted for two and a quarter hours, hit 12 fours and played encouragingly well.

Greenidge was obviously more concerned than Gooch to make a hundred, even if it did take him a lot of time. We were treated to no more than

occasional glimpses of his great power, as when he drove Harper twice into the pavilion. By tea he had got to 90. He reached three figures 40 minutes later, the innings a subdued companion for the buccaneering double hundred he made against England at Lord's in 1984.

For the third wicket Greenidge and Gower added 85, Gower making 40 in only a few minutes longer than it took him to score eight last Thursday. He had played agreeably without being particularly tested by the bowling, when Imran had him caught at slip by Border. The game by now was rather meandering along, through green and pleasant meadows, the flow picking up only when

Greenidge had reached his 100 and Hadlee had played himself in.

Greenidge's only chance was one of stumping off Harper when he was 39. One seems to see awfully little absolutely top-class wicketkeeping these days. In the 16th over, though, Greenidge was bowled taking a swing at Qadir. Hadlee drove Walsh to mid-on, where Imran jumped for the catch and jugglingly held it.

Haynes then caught a skier very well at long off, to account for Emburey, but the MCC's innings passed without a sight of Gattling, other than on the balcony. He preferred to give his bowlers a chance to bat.

MCC FIRST INNINGS: 455 for 5 dec (*M W Gattling 179, G A Gooch 117, C E B Rice 59 not out, C G Greenidge 52, SECOND INNINGS)

C G GREENIDGE c Qadir	122
B C BROAD c Dujon b Kapil Dev	2
G A GOOCH b Harper	117
D J GOWER c Border b Imran Khan	40
R J HADLEE c Imran Khan b Walsh	36
R J SHASTRI not out	10
J E EMBUREY c Haynes b Qadir	4
C E B RICE not out	59
Extras: b 15, lb 11, w 1.	27
Total: (5 wickets dec, 86 overs)	318

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (2); 2-146 (3); 3-231 (4); 4-289 (5); 5-308 (6); 6-308 (7). BOWLING: Imran Khan 13-4-33-1; Kapil Dev 7-0-21-1; Walsh 12-3-54-1; Abdul Qadir 38-9-112-2; Harper 20-2-72-1.

REST OF WORLD XI

S M GAVASKAR c Marshall	0
D L HAYNES not out	3
R A HARPER not out	9
Extras: b 15, lb 11, w 1.	27
Total: (1 wkt, 4.3 overs)	13

Edmonds' gamble puts career in the balance

By Alan Lee

Phil Edmonds' future in cricket will be decided by the Middlesex committee later this week, following his latest and most remarkable departure from convention. Edmonds confirmed last night that he will not accept a new contract with Middlesex for next season but has offered to continue playing, when available, as an amateur.

He has also said that he is only willing to be considered for one stage of England's three-part winter tour — the Test series against Pakistan in November and December.

By these stipulations, Edmonds is gambling with a cricket career which has become ever less of a priority to him as his city business interests expand. With an office in Baker Street and a new property and leisure company about to be launched, his time is restricted but he still needs the game as a vehicle for his name.

He cannot expect to be considered for England without playing some county cricket and he is so committed to London that he can hardly play anywhere but Lord's. So, if Middlesex, so often frustrated by his attitude, now decide he is being unreasonable, he will lose his power base and his controversial career will be over.

Middlesex, I understand, are far from certain to agree to Edmonds' eccentric demands. Tim Lamb, the secretary, says: "We are aware of Phil's wishes but until the matter has been fully discussed I can't say if it is acceptable to us. It is certainly an unusual request. The committee will have to talk it through and decide if we can accept the situation, which is really a throwback to the amateur days of years ago."

Edmonds said last night: "I am very keen to continue playing for England but my business interests mean I am

not available after Christmas. I can also no longer commit myself to full-time county cricket."

Edmonds, aged 36, quotes the precedent of Imran Khan, who continued at Sussex playing one-day cricket and selective championship matches. Even Sussex, however, rapidly tired of this arrangement. Middlesex, who have had a strained relationship with Edmonds for some time, may decide he is asking for too much.

Meanwhile, another Middlesex player has also limited his availability for England's winter engagements. Paul Downton, the wicketkeeper, says he cannot be considered for the trip to Australia and New Zealand in January.

Downton, who has already been named in the provisional World Cup squad of 25, has taken the decision because his wife, Alison, is expecting their first child in the New Year.

Essex look to return for Border

By Alan Lee

Essex are turning once more to Allan Border and his immense professional pride to help them forget a season of bewildering anonymity.

Border, the Australian captain presently leading the Rest of the World at Lord's, has reacted eagerly to a request from the ailing county champions to return for a second season with them next year.

He cannot confirm anything until he has discussed it with his wife and with the Australian Cricket Board, but Graham Gooch, the Essex captain, said last night: "We want Allan and he wants to come back so hopefully the details can now be sorted out without difficulty."

Hugh Page, the South African seam bowler contracted for two years to replace Border, has had a disastrous first season and enters hospital on September 2 for a knee operation. Even if he recovers fitness, however, Essex will still seek an overseas batsman.

Athey's 160 could not be better timed

By Ivo Tennant

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 294 runs behind Gloucestershire.

It is hard to envisage that Bill Athey could play a better innings than his 160 yesterday. Certainly Nottinghamshire's bowlers would not believe it possible. The championship leaders, whose gathering of bonus points was checked on Saturday by rain, had Gloucestershire 37 for three before Athey took them apart.

This is another dubious pitch, one on which Hadlee might well have had a field day. In the cricketing jargon of one player, it would have "exploded" by now had the first two days run their course. Rain has been the batsman's ally.

It was an opportune time for Athey to play one of the biggest innings of his career: England's selectors choose their final 14 for the World Cup this week. This was

batting a class above anything else yesterday.

In all, Athey was in for just over four hours, striking 28 fours. Nottinghamshire's seamers, who did not make the most of movement and lift in the morning, found that they were up against a batsman in splendid form. This was Athey's third successive championship century.

Initially, he had found batting a struggle. However, Curran and Ibadulla, the son of Billy, who was making his championship debut, gave him the necessary support. Athey took 12 off an over from Saxelby and pulled and drove to great effect thereafter. His second 50 came off 43 balls, his third off 51 balls, and he and Ibadulla added 136 in 31 overs.

Nottinghamshire knew by then that they would have a job to make anything of this match. By the time Russell and Gravney had added 61

for the ninth wicket, they were much in need of the kind of uplift that Hadlee and Rice provide. Never mind, both will be back tomorrow.

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